



PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COMMANDERY,

—OF—

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

—OF THE—

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

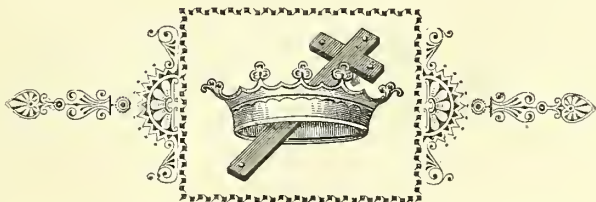
—AT ITS—

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

—HELD IN—

WINSTON,

Thursday, June 10th, A. D., 1892, A. O. 774.



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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina, convened in its Twelfth Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Piedmont Commandery No. 6, in Winston, Thursday, June 9th, A. D. 1892, A. O. 774, at 10 o'clock A. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	E. Grand Captain General.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	as E. Grand Prelate.
PETER A. WILSON, JR.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
JOHN C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN Q. A. BARHAM.....	E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

OPENING.

It appearing that representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies were present, the Grand Commandery was opened in ample and Knightly form the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

On motion of F. M. Moye, Grand Captain General, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same in printed form being in the hands of the Sir Knights present.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights D. W. Bain, A. J. Wills, Geo. Lampman a committee on Credentials who reported as follows :

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below.

D. W. BAIN,
ARTHUR J. WILLS,
GEO. LAMPMAN,
Committee.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

DONALD W. BAIN.....	Past Grand Commander.
J. A. PORTER.....	“ “ “
A. H. STUBBS.....	Past Grand Captain General.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON

E. S. MARTIN.....	Eminent Commander
JOHN C. CHASE.....	Generalissimo

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2, CHARLOTTE.

D. E. ALLEN.....	Proxy and Em. Com. and Captain General
W. L. LIDDELL.....	Proxy for Generalissimo
D. E. ALLEN.....	Proxy for Captain General

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3, DURHAM.

JAMES SOUTHGATE Proxy for Eminent Commander
JAMES SOUTHGATE..... Proxy for Generalissimo
JAMES SOUTHGATE..... Proxy for Captain General

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

W. A. WITHERS..... Eminent Commander
J. C. DREWRY..... Proxy for Generalissimo
W. H. BAIN..... Captain General

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

A. H. COBB..... Eminent Commander
W. F. RANDOLPH..... Generalissimo
A. J. WILLS..... Captain General

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

P. A. WILSON Eminent Commander
M. D. BAILEY..... Generalissimo
J. Q. A. BARHAM..... Proxy for Captain General

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

F. M. MOYF..... Eminent Commander
J. D. BULLOCK Generalissimo
B. F. BRIGGS..... Captain General

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN..... Eminent Commander
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN..... Proxy for Generalissimo
JAMES D. GLENN..... Captain General

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Credentials and Returns: Sir Knights D. W. Bain, A. J. Wills, G. Lampman.

On Address of R. E. Grand Commander: Sir Knights J. C. Chase, W. A. Blair, W. F. Randolph.

On Warrants and Dispensations: Sir Knights J. J. Thornton, J. D. Bullock, D. P. Mast.

On Finance: Sir Knights A. H. Cobb, J. Southgate, W. H. Bain.

On Appeals and Grievances: Sir Knights S. H. Smith, B. F. Briggs, Wm. Simpson.

On Templar Jurisprudence: Sir Knights A. H. Stubbs, J. A. Porter, P. J. Wilson.

On Fraternal Correspondence: Sir Knights G. W. Blount, E. S. Martin, F. M. Moye.

On Necrology: Sir Knights J. J. Thornton, S. L. Alderman, W. H. Bain.

ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir William W. Allen, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his address, which, upon motion of Sir F. M. Moye, Grand Captain General, was referred to the following Committee: John C. Chase, Wm. A. Blair and W. F. Randolph.

OPENING.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

With grateful acknowledgments to our Heavenly Father for the various and manifold blessings which we have enjoyed throughout the year, we meet again in Annual Grand Conclave to review our labors and to fortify ourselves against those who are the enemies of the Cross. We have just cause for self-congratulation when we record the fact that peace and harmony prevail among our subordinates and nothing has occurred to disturb the pleasant relations existing between this and sister Grand Bodies. It has indeed been a fruitful year with us. By reference to the Grand Reeorder's report, it will be seen that there is a material increase in membership in this jurisdiction.

There is a deeper interest manifested by the various members of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, I am glad to note, and the success that has been ours this year plainly demonstrates what can be accomplished if the proper effort is put forth. Durham Commandery No. 3, has made a "ten strike" and knighted seven during the year, while Charlotte No. 2, over whom we thought two years ago it only needed the burial service to be read to formally declare its death, has been resuscitated and now gives evidence of long life and prosperity. I have had some correspondence with M. E. G. M. John P. S. Gobin, relative to Charlotte Commandery which I will read.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }
OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND MASTER, }
LEBANON, Pa., June 24th, 1891. }

R. E. SIR W. W. ALLEN,

Grand Commander Knight Templar of North Carolina:

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—The Annual returns of the Commanderies of your jurisdiction just received. I find one reported as having made no returns, and the net gain during the year very slight. Can we not import some new life into the Order during your administration and plant the Cross of the Templar more prominently? It would gratify your fraters everywhere, be productive of much good and render the situation in your midst more satis-

factory to yourself. Can I not ask you for extra exertion in this direction? I need not assure you how thoroughly I will appreciate it personally.

With best wishes,

Very Truly Yours,

JOHN P. S. GOBIN,

Grand Master.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 21, 1891.

TO SIR JOHN P. S. GOBIN, *M. E. Grand Master*

of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A.

Lebanon, Pa.

MOST EMINENT SIR AND DEAR FRATER—Referring to your courteous communication some little time ago, I beg leave to assure you that the delay and seeming discourtesy are due only to a desire to get matters pertaining to Charlotte Commandery No. 3. of this Grand jurisdiction in proper form before replying to you, and I now have the pleasure to report that our E. Grand Recorder informs me he is in receipt of full returns from this Commandery with dues paid up to May, 1891. I am also happy to relate that I have just issued a dispensation to open a Commandery of the "Indispensable number" and confer the order of Red Cross and Temple on a number of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Tarboro, with a view to subsequently constituting a regular Commandery, to be stationed at that place. Asking your pardon for this long delay and with best wishes and happy Christmas greeting.

I am most Eminent Sir,

Courteously Yours,

W. W. ALLEN,

Grand Commander.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
OFFICE OF M. E. GRAND MASTER, }
LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 23rd, 1891. }

R. E. SIR W. W. ALLEN,

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina:

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT—I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 21st inst., and express my thanks for your efforts to forward the interests of the Order of the Temple in your jurisdiction. I shall look with interest for the continued prosperity under the impulse given it, and hope the new Commandery authorized may set an example of zeal and diligence which shall produce the best results.

With compliments of the season,

Fraternally Yours,

JOHN P. S. GOBIN,

Grand Master.

Our Order is in better condition than at any previous time and gives every promise of a steady increase in its ranks. To be successful we must work with a vigor and unanimity that will infuse new life into the subordinate bodies, and if each individual Templar will resolve to do some active work during the coming year, I can safely and sincerely predict not only a decided increase in membership, but that general prosperity will but be the result, since having been honored with a re-election, the commission as your Executive officer, I return to you with a just and proper appreciation of the high honor it carries with it. I have endeavored to execute the trust committed to my care honestly, courteously, and within the bounds of Masonic jurisprudence and usage. How faithfully I have performed my duty I leave to your intelligent judgment for review. My personal thanks are due the officers and Sir Knights who have so kindly supported me, and have rendered me advisory and material assistance in the conduct of affairs pertaining to my official business, and also have at all times extended to me that Christian courtesy which is peculiarly characteristic of our Magnanimous Order.

NECROLOGY.

During this Templar year the messenger of death hath extinguished life's bright taper of but few in this jurisdiction. The official ranks of this Grand Body remain intact, for all of which we feel truly thankful to our Heavenly Father under whose care and protection we live. In the ranks of our sister Grand Commanderies the Destroying Angel has reaped a rich harvest. Many had worn Templar honors through a long service, and have gone to their reward. I have received official notice of the following deaths during the past year.

ALABAMA

R. E. Sir Walter Lawrence Braggs, Past Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Commander died at Spring Lake, N. J., August 21st, 1891.

Eminent Sir John Jefferson Dement, Past Grand Generalissimo, died at Litha Springs, Georgia, August 10th, 1891.

ILLINOIS.

R. E. Sir Daniel Dustin, Past Grand Commander, died at Carthage, Mo., March 30th, 1892. "As a citizen, soldier and Templar, he commanded the love and respect of all with whom he became acquainted, and was loved most by those who knew him best," and was buried with Templar honors.

INDIANA.

R. E. Sir Salathiel T. Williams, Past Grand Commander, passed into the shadows at Kendallville, Indiana, April 29th, 1892. "A true Mason, an honest, upright man has fallen" and the Craft has lost a Master Workman.

KENTUCKY.

R. E. Sir John Stewart Lyle, Past Grand Commander, died April 13th, 1892. He was regarded as an active and zealous Mason and his demise was sudden and unexpected.

KANSAS.

R. E. Sir Benjamin John Franklin Hanna, Past Grand Commander, closed his earthly career at Washington, D. C., December 8th, 1891. He was loved for his many excellent traits of character, and it is said of him that in the various walks of public as well as private life, no man drew around him stronger, warmer and more devoted friends than did our worthy Frater.

MAINE.

V. E. Sir Joseph Frederic Leavitt, Past Deputy Grand Commander, died at Boston, Mass., June 30th, 1891.

E. Sir Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, died at Portland, Maine, September 20th, 1891.

Grand Representative of North Carolina John Bird, 32°, Grand Commander State of Maine, 1880. Born, Rockland, Me., April 30, 1827. Died, New Orleans, La., March 10th, 1892.

MARYLAND

R. E. Sir Jacob Emory Krebs, Past Grand Commander, departed this life April 26th, 1892. He was a distinguished Mason and his worth was properly appreciated. The suddenness of his death startled his family and many friends.

MICHIGAN.

R. E. Sir Edward Drake Benedict, Past Grand Commander, died January 30th, 1892. His long and painful illness was borne with Christian fortitude, and he passed peacefully to rest with unswerving faith in the goodness of God.

MISSISSIPPI.

R. E. Sir Joseph E. Leigh, Grand Commander, died at Columbus, Miss., November 7th, 1891. The acting Grand Commander W. A. Bodenhamer says of him: "A weary pilgrim has fallen by the way, a pilgrim warrior is at rest, and his earthly sword sheathed forever. A pilgrim penitent has performed his full term of penance, for corruption has put on incorruption and mortality immortality. A burning taper is extinguished, but has been relighted on the other shore, where it will forever burn with renewed brilliancy and splendor."

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina sympathizes deeply and sincerely with the Grand Commandery of Mississippi in the loss sustained by

the death of its Executive officer, and we feel assured that with acting Grand Commander Bodenhamer at the helm, the battles of Templarism will be fought with a vigor and courage that will guarantee victory.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. of A., died March 3, 1892, after a short illness. He was distinguished for his Masonic zeal and intelligence. "The enduring record of a pure and spotless life is his, and the high idial which he so fully encompassed remains to us a glorious heritage."

LEBANON, PA.

From the office of M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A., additional notice has been received of the death of V. E. Sir Knight Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment U. S. A., in which he says: "The mention of the name of Sir Knight Van Slyck only is sufficient to call up sweet memories of one who, as citizen, friend, mason, father, husband and in all other relations of life, manifested the qualitics of sterling worth and high character.

OHIO.

Sir Knight and Rev. Lafayette VanCleve, Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, died at Milford, Ohio, March 2, 1892. He was an active minister of the M. E. church for forty-four (44) consecutive years. He was honored by having been chosen as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., and of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Ohio, for many consecutive years, and was a worthy exemplar of the true principles of Freemasonry which he regarded as the handmaid of religion.

The valiant Templar is at rest.

OREGON.

R. E. Sir Rocky Preston Earhorr, Past Grand Commander, died May 11th, 1892. His spirit winged its flight to the unseen world where myriads of angels stood ready to welcome him.

TENNESSEE.

R. E. Sir Achilles DeSears, Past Grand Commander, died at Clarksville, Tenn., June 15th, 1891. "His long and useful life was devoted to the faithful service of our Great Captain, and to the welfare of his fellow men. He has passed away full of years and honors with name and fame unsullied and has left to his surviving brethren a bright example of every noble quality that adorns the life of a true and courteous Knight and faithful servant of our Lord and Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

On June 28th. 1891, for sufficient reasons I issued a dispensation to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to confer the orders of Knighthood upon Companion T. C. McNeely without waiting the usual time.

At the request of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, a dispensation was granted October 1st, 1891, allowing the several Commanderies of the State to make a pilgrimage to Raleigh on the occasion of Masonic Day at the State Exposition. Advantage of this dispensation was not taken by the several Commanderies as was originally intended, notwithstanding that the object of setting apart Masonic Day was a worthy one and deserved better encouragement by the Masons in this jurisdiction. The Exposition authorities very generously offered 25 per cent. of the gross proceeds to the Masons which in turn was donated to the Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.

On the petition of Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No 7, of November 20th, 1891, a dispensation was granted to receive and act upon the petitions of four Royal Arch Masons for the orders of Knighthood without the formality of delay for examination Representation having been made that they were worthy and well qualified, and I deemed it proper to comply with their request.

On the 9th day of December, 1891, a dispensation was granted to Sir F. M. Moye, E. Grand Captain General, Sir H. H. Munson E. Grand Recorder and Sir R. H. Bradley, E. Grand Sentinel, representing their separate Commanderies, appointing and empowering them to form and open a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" in the city of Tarboro, N. C., for the purpose of conferring the orders of Knighthood upon such Royal Arch Masons as were considered worthy and entitled to the same.

More specific reference of the results of granting this dispensation will be found in my address under title "New Commanderies."

On January 26th, 1892, in reply to request, I issued a dispensation to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to install their officers at a special conclave. There having been "no quorum" at the regular meeting.

Upon the petition of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, I granted a dispensation on February 22d, 1892, authorizing them to elect and install a new Junior Warden, the Sir Knight who had been elected to fill that office, finding it impossible to discharge the duties of the office, declined to serve. I also granted to E. Sirs F. M. Moye, Grand Captain General, H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder and R. H. Bradley, Grand Sentinel, on March 26th, 1892, a dispensation authorizing them to open and form a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" in the city of New Berne, N. C., and confer the orders of Knighthood upon such Royal Arch Masons as were duly qualified to receive the same with the purpose in view to constitute a new Commandery at that place.

In compliance with such request from Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1,

of Wilmington, N. C., a dispensation was issued allowing said Commandery to celebrate Ascension Day by appearing in public in Templar uniform, for the purpose of attending Divine worship.

Under date of April 16th, 1892, I received a petition from a constitutional number of Sir Knights living within the jurisdiction of the city of New Berne, N. C., representing that they were regularly created and dubbed Knights of the illustrious order of the Red Cross and of the Valiant and Magnanimous order of Knights Templar and the appendant orders praying for a dispensation empowering them to be constituted a Commandery of Knights Templar and Council of the Red Cross in the city of New Berne, N. C. This petition was regularly recommended by the nearest Commandery, Mt. Lebanon, No. 7.

It would have been a source of much pleasure to me to comply with this request, but this was forbidden by the statutes of the Grand Commandery which says: "No dispensation can issue within three months previous to the annual conclave, nor can a warrant be granted until the petitioners have exhibited their skill by labor under dispensation."

A dispensation was granted Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, April 30th, 1892, to act upon the petition of four candidates for the orders of Knighthood without waiting the statutory period.

On May 3d, 1892, I issued a dispensation to Durham Commandery, No. 3, to ballot upon the petitions of two Royal Arch Masons for the orders of Knighthood to be conferred within the time required by law.

On May 10th, 1892, upon the request of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, a dispensation was granted permitting them to appear in public as a Commandery to attend Divine services on Ascension Day.

Inasmuch as Couer de Lion Commandery, of Knoxville, Tenn., was to be present on this occasion and it was represented that the regular Asylum was inadequate for the spreading of a banquet to accommodate the visiting Sir Knights, additional authority was granted them to conduct that part of the work peculiar to the Red Cross degree in an adjacent hall under proper guard.

On the same day, May 10th, 1892, I issued a dispensation to Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to ballot on the petition of five Royal Arch Masons for the orders of Knighthood without waiting for the required time by law to elapse.

Upon the request of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, I granted a dispensation May 17th, 1892, authorizing them to act upon the petition of Companion G. N. Walters for the orders of Knighthood within the time perscribed by law.

A petition was presented to me signed by a constitutional number of Sir Knights and properly recommended by Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, (nearest Commandery) requesting a dispensation to empower them to open and form a Commandery U. D. of Knights Templar and Council of the

Red Cross in the city of Tarboro, N. C., and appointing Sir J. W. Cotten as their first E. Commander, Sir J. R. Pender as their first Generalissimo, and Sir J. G. Howard, Jr., as their first Captain General.

The petition being in regular form, I cheerfully availed myself of my prerogative as Grand Commander and granted the dispensation

VISITATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.

I sincerely regret that it was impossible for me to make an agreed number of official visits to the several Commanderies in the State, for the purpose of inspecting their condition and impart such advice and instructions as would be useful to them.

The territory is however so vast in extent, and my time so decidedly limited, that I was deprived of this anticipated privilege.

I am confident that a systematic method of official visitations and inspections is a commendable means of creating active interest and enthusiasm in the Subordinate Commanderies. It was convenient for me to be present at the regular meeting of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, in January last and I installed the officers.

This Commandery experienced the same trouble in getting out a quorum as falls to the lot of all numerically small Commanderies, a number of the Sir Knights living out of the city, and others are required to be absent from the city because of the nature of their business. However, they have Knighted three (3) this year with a number of more on the way, and the indications are that the good work will continue.

I would have been glad to have paid each individual Commandery a visit and learn from actual contact with the Sir Knights thereof the conditions of affairs and encourage the progress of Templar Masonry, but my duties forbade the carrying out of this cherished plan. This is really the one proper method of doing a Commander's duty—by coming in touch with his Fraters. The reports of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Sir James Southgate, E. Grand Generalissimo Sir Eugene Martin and E. Grand Captain General Sir F. M. Moye, will clearly show what has been done by them in their apportioned territory during the past year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The resignation of E. Sir F. S. Fisher, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, near the Grand Commandery of Vermont, having been formally tendered, the same was received and a commission granted to Sir W. H. Vinton to represent this Grand Commandery near that of Vermont.

The commission of Sir J. G. C. Lee, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, near the Grand Commandery of Texas, was returned to this Grand Commandery on account of a removal from that State and a commission granted to Sir S. D. Scudder.

Because of the death of Sir J. D. Adams, late Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand Commandery of Alabama, I have caused a commission to be issued to E. Sir Edmund R. Hastings as our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

REPORTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have received but one report from our Grand Representatives near other Grand Commanderies, that of E. Sir S. D. Scudder, of Texas, which is as follows:

SAN ANTONIA, TEXAS, June 3d, 1892.

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, W. W. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Greensboro, North Carolina.

DEAR, AND R. E. SIR:—At the late Annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Texas, I was glad and honored to report the Greetings of the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina, whose humble representative you appointed me in July last

The R. E. Grand Commandery of Texas, desired me to convey their Greeting to you, as well as sincere feelings of Brotherly Love and Friendship, and a desire that North Carolinians and Texians might have the opportunity of coming together face to face and of getting *more closely* acquainted at the Conclave at Denver in August, 1892.

Hoping also to have the pleasure of meeting you there,

Believe me Dear Sir,

Yours Fraternaly,

S. D. SCUDDER.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

I am happy to say that another Commandery has been added to our small fraternal number. On December 8th, 1891, a dispensation was granted to E. Sirs F. Moye, Grand Captain General, H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, and R. H. Bradley, Grand Sentinel, to open and form a Commandery of an "Indispensible Number," and on February 17th, 1892, a dispensation was granted a constitutional number of Sir Knights to establish St. Georges' Commandery U. D. to be stationed in the city of Tarboro.

The new Commandery starts out with the most flattering prospects and in a brief while I trust it will rank well with many of our older Subordinate Commanderies for efficiency and membership.

To Sir Knights F. M. Moye, H. H. Munson and R. H. Bradley, belongs the credit of creating this Commandery. Sir Knight Moye has been particularly active in this connection. His Templar work during the past year speaks for itself in the report which he will make to this Grand body. His zeal and interest in the work of our order are certainly worthy of emulation and high regard. I am hopeful of much good being accomplished by

St. Georges' Commandery, and cheerfully recommend that a charter be granted them.

I regretted exceedingly that the statutes prohibited me from granting a dispensation to the required number of Sir Knights of New Berne empowering them to establish a Commandery at that place. "No dispensation can issue within three (3) months of the Annual Conclave" says the statutes, and their application for a dispensation coming within the prescribed period, I was unwillingly compelled to deny their request. There is considerable speculation as to the justness of this provision in the statutes, and while some contend that the Grand Commander should not be shorn of his discretionary powers for a period of three (3) months, prior to the Annual Conclave, when it is invariably presumed a charter will be granted to each Commandery working under Dispensation, it must also be born in mind that a Commandery U. D. must show proficiency in the work by laboring under Dispensation before a warrant can be legally granted. This proposition is respectfully submitted to your intelligent consideration, and if it is decided to change the law, I would suggest that it be done guardedly and not hurriedly, and would call your attention to Section 21 of the statutes of the Grand Commandery which directs that the statutes may be changed or amended at each Annual Conclave, but only upon written notice, reducing to form to the proposed amendment given at the Annual Conclave, preceding, that at which the vote is to be taken, etc.

This application for dispensation from the Sir Knights of New Berne is heartily commended to your favor with the recommendation that it be granted.

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have been called upon in but one instance during this year to render a decision affecting the administration of affairs in this jurisdiction.

E. Grand Senior Warden Peter A. Wilson, Jr., having been elected Eminent Commander of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, at the regular election in December last, the question of his eligibility to hold both offices was raised. Says Titte XLII—Officers—Section 1:

"When anyone of the first three officers of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Master or Grand Commander, his rights and powers as such subordinate officer *ipso facto* cease, and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided for."

I decided that the fact of holding the office of E. Grand Senior Warden did not disqualify him from holding the office of Eminent Commander of his Commandery.

At the last Annual Conclave a resolution was introduced making it obligatory upon subordinate Commanderies to summon their members to be present on the occasion of the election of officers, in order to insure a quorum and thus avoid the necessity of requesting a dispensation to hold an

election of officers at a subsequent Conclave in the event of "no quorum" on the regular election night. This plan has worked so well that I have not been called upon to grant a dispensation in but a single instance for the purpose of holding a special conclave at which to elect. I would therefore respectfully recommend that a similar resolution be introduced making it obligatory upon subordinate Commanderies to issue summons to their members to be present also at the meeting when officers are to be installed. I feel certain it will work equally as satisfactory in that case also.

Inasmuch as the Grand Chapter has virtually been selecting the time and place for the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, by the Grand Chapter first selecting the time and place for its Annual Convocation; the unwisdom of pursuing this course has been demonstrated in more than one instance by the Grand Chapter selecting a place at which to hold its Convocation where there is no subordinate Commandery, and in one instance at least where there was no local Chapter. To me this seems to say the least, very undesirable. These two Grand Bodies are, or should be separate and distinct, and to avert being influenced in selecting a time for the Annual Conclave, I would respectfully recommend that it be agreed by resolution or otherwise that the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of May in each year at 10:00 a. m., the place to be always selected at the preceeding Annual Conclave.

This will insure uniformity in length of the official term, and will withdraw the Grand Commandery from the dominancy of the Grand Chapter.

PILGRIMAGES.

On the twenty-fourth (24) day of November, 1891, a delegation of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, paid a fraternal visit to Cour de Leon Commandery of Knoxville, Tenn, where they received all the Knightly courtesies due the magnanimous Templar. Request was made by me of the Grand Commander of Tennessee to grant them permission to enter that Grand jurisdiction on an errand of peace and good fellowship, which was readily complied with. The return visit of Cour de Leon Commandery, of Knoxville, was made to Cyrene Commandery on May 26th, Ascension Day, when about eighty (80) Templars strong, marched to the Episcopal church to hearken to a sermon by Sir Geo. H. Bell, E. Grand Prelate, and a member of Cyrene Commandery.

The occasion of this visit was one of pleasant fraternal intermingling and will go far to strengthen the ties that bind these two Commanderies. This feature of making pilgrimage by one Commandery to another is certainly commendable, and will be productive of much good. I desire to emphasize my approval and advocacy of this method of spreading Templarism and I sincerely hope that each Commandery will decide to at least visit one other Commandery during the coming year. It matters not whether it be a

foreign Commandery or one of our own. I feel assured it will awaken greater interest and zeal, and will be an incentive to make us more valiant magnanimous Templars and devout followers of the Cross, as well as materially increase our own membership. It would have been a pleasure to encourage these several pilgrimages with my presence, but I found it impossible in both instances to attend.

ASCENSION DAY.

I feel it my duty to touch upon this ever recurring source of discussion that like "Banquo's Ghost" "will not down." A number of dispensations were granted to observe this day in an appropriate manner, and I am gratified that such an interest is evinced in this direction. The Grand Commander is vested with authority to issue dispensation to Commanderies to appear in public on *Masonic occasions*.

Our order is founded on the tenets of the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues and if Ascension Day, which we recognize as the day when the Immaculate Savior ascended into Heaven, cannot truly be considered a Templar festival and consequently recognized as a *Masonic occasion* by Chivalrous Masons, then I am at a loss to know what if any particular day could be selected. When it is remembered that the observance of Ascension Day mainly consists of a Commandery selecting some Minister of the Gospel to preach to them a sermon appropriate to the occasion and the Commandery marching to the church in Templar uniform. I can see no substantial objection to it being regarded a proper day to be observed.

Being so firmly convinced that this Grand Commandery should set apart a day as a Templar festival, I hope it will be agreed by this Grand Body by resolution or otherwise, that Ascension Day be regarded as a suitable day to be hailed and observed as a Templar festival in this jurisdiction and that the several Commanderies be given authority to appear in public on that day in full Templar uniform if they so elect, without the formality of requiring a special dispensation.

Courteously and Fraternally Yours,

W. W. ALLEN,
Grand Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Committee, to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Commander, have examined the same and make the following recommendations :

That the part of the address referring to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology; that so much of it as relates to decisions, dispensations and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

They would recommend that a charter be granted to St. George Commandery, No. 9, of Tarboro, and that the application for a dispensation from the Sir Knights of New Berne be granted.

They also recommend that the part of the address relating to the statute that forbids granting dispensation three months before the Annual Conclave be specially considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee note with gratification the interest evinced by the M. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A. in the welfare of the Grand Jurisdiction; also, that the R. E. Grand Commander was enabled to give evidence of our growth.

The Committee approve of the recommendation that it be made obligatory upon Subordinate Commanderies to summon their members to attend the Conclave held for the purpose of installing officers. They highly approve of the system of official visitation of Subordinate Commanderies previously recommended, and regret that it has not been more extensively carried on during the past year.

They fully endorse the views of the R. E. Grand Commander in regard to the Grand Commandery selecting the time and place of its Annual Conclave independent of the action of any other body, but for cogent reasons believe that any action looking to such a result should not be matured until another year.

They note with great pleasure the evidence of growth and strength in many of the Subordinate Commanderies, and trust that while the zeal of those will not be abated who have done so much to bring about this gratifying state of affairs, that all will join hands in a hearty effort to carry on the great and glorious work.

The growing interest in fraternal visitation is noted; also, the celebration of Ascension Day, and the hope is expressed that these ceremonies will continue to increase, and that the laws may be so amended as to permit of the observance of Ascension Day without the necessity of procuring a dispensation.

Fraternally Submitted,

(Signed) JOHN C. CHASE,
W. A. BLAIR,
W. T. RANDOLPH.

The report was received, recommendations concurred in, and reference to our dead and decisions to appropriate Committees.

The Grand Recorder submitted the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence (the Chairman not being present) which, on motion of Sir J. A. Porter, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings of this Conclave.

The Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generlissimo submitted verbal reports of their official doings.

The Grand Captain General submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

R. E. WILLIAM W. ALLEN, *Grand Commander*,

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina:

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—In conformity to Templar law it becomes my duty as Grand Captain General to file a written report of the official acts performed by me since our Grand Conclave one year ago, and I have the honor herewith to submit the same. These duties for various reasons have been exceedingly pleasant, and some of them were very greatly enjoyed.

The Templar year just closing will ever be a green spot in my memory; which time cannot efface. I shall long have delightful recollections of many agreeable circumstances associated with the discharge of my official trust during this short period in our Orders history. By virtue of the authority conferred by your special dispensations and acting conjointly with E. Sirs H. H. Munson, and R. H. Bradley, I have had the honor as one of the "Indispensable Number," to assist in the preliminary work of organizing two new Commanderies the past year, of which detailed reports in obedience to your command were made, and received by you at the time. One of them, St. George, No. 9, is located at Tarboro, a charming little city long famous for its refined, accomplished and hospitable people, the other, St. John's, No. 10, at New Berne, that grand old historic city, which aroused from her slumbers is now making rapid strides on the road to material progress, and far in advance of some of her heretofore more prosperous sisters. I congratulate the Grand Commandery of North Carolina upon the addition to our list of these noble bands of Fraters. For high social position, intellectual culture, and unimpeachable moral character, I pronounce them the peers of any among our numbers.

They well deserve and should receive at our hands every encouragement in their laudable undertaking. Having started out with a zeal, and earnestness which gives promise of a brilliant future, I predict that they will be bright stars in the crown of Templar Masonry and in the honorable career which awaits them will reflect much credit on our noble Order.

Replying to your communication requesting me to inform you which of the Commanderies it would best suit me to visit officially during the year for the purpose of inspection and instruction, I had the honor to name Piedmont, No. 6, and Ivanhoe, No. 8. These duties I am sorry to say have not until recently been performed and by reason of my feeble health at the time, were shorn of much of the pleasure, and enjoyment which I had anticipated. I very much regret that circumstances rendered it inconvenient, and well nigh impossible to attend to them in the early part of the year, when the length of the evenings would have given more time for work and the business interests of the Sir Knights which can never be ignored

would perhaps have been less pressing, and conflicting. By previous arrangement with E. Sir P. A. Wilson, I visited Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, Wednesday, May 11th, and on my arrival at Winston received a cordial and flattering welcome. An informal meeting was held at the Asylum in the afternoon for the purpose of rehearsing the work. Several of the Sir Knights were present and I endeavored to impart such instruction as appeared to be needed and in my opinion would be most beneficial.

In the evening a special Conclave was held, at which I had the honor by courtesy of the Commander E. Sir Wilson to preside and with the assistance of the officers to confer the Order of the Red Cross, the candidate being a bright young Companion who I am gratified to state expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the work. The Commandery was opened with full ceremony and the lines being formed for inspection, showed all present to be well uniformed. While the attendance was not large, a sufficient number honored me with their presence to make it a very pleasant occasion for all. Finding the Records office in the hands of Sir Samuel H. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons, I deemed it unnecessary to institute any inquiry in reference thereto. It goes without saying that the duties of this important position are well and ably performed by our distinguished Frater. That there is life in Piedmont Commandery is evidenced by the fact that five petitions for the Orders were presented, all of which by authority of your dispensation were acted upon and accepted.

This Commandery for many reasons deserves and should occupy a commanding position in the front ranks of the Order. To attain this distinction is a question easy of solution. With a spacious and handsome Asylum, equipped with all the requisite paraphernalia and a highly intelligent membership, it is only necessary in order to secure this enviable station that these worthy Sir Knights acquire a more thorough knowledge of the whole work appertaining to the opening and closing ceremonies, and conferring the Orders. This to my mind is the one thing needful to dispel the apathy and want of interest which prevails to a considerable extent in many Commanderies and other Masonic bodies. The assiduous student of Templar Masonary cannot fail to become deeply interested in its grand principles and sublime teachings. The persistent laborer in the rich mines of the Order will be rewarded with many bright gems, which gleam and sparkle with a beauty and brilliancy unknown to those less diligent and enthusiastic in the search for light and knowledge. At a special Conclave held Thursday evening, May 12th, I visited and inspected Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, at Greensboro. In the absence of any business or work, I spent an hour or more very pleasantly with the Sir Knights who had assembled at the Asylum to greet me. By request of the Commander E. Sir S. L. Alderman, I had the honor to occupy the chair and after opening the Commandery in full form, proceeded at the suggestion of Sir A. H. Stubbs to give instruction on certain points of the work, which was received in an

appreciative manner. Sir Knight Stubbs sits at the Records desk, and it would be useless repetition to say that he is unapproachable and inimitable as a veteran recorder of Templar events; and a model of neatness and precision in the execution of all work appertaining to his office. Our Fraters at Greensboro have cause to feel proud of their well arranged and very beautiful Asylum. I am sorry I did not have an opportunity to witness and assist in the work of conferring the Orders by this Commandery. I was informed with much candor and frankness by those present that they were somewhat deficient in this respect, which of course is to be regretted because as before stated this condition of things appears to be a fruitful source of much of the indifference manifested by some members of the Order. This the youngest of our chartered Commanderies has laid a solid foundation upon which to build and will I have no doubt continue to show its faith by its work. It affords me very great pleasure to say that as the representative of the Grand Commandery, I was received by the Sir Knights of Piedmont and Ivanhoe Commanderies with marked respect and consideration and treated with that true unaffected courtesy which only valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple can dispense. To E Sir George Lampman, I am indebted for special courtesies and hospitalities which was appreciated and enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Owing to sickness I found it impossible at the last moment to obey your instructions to visit and inspect Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, on the evening of May 25th, and as the representative of the Grand Commandery participate in special services held May 26th, in commemoration of the ascension of our risen Lord and Master. Your instructions were supplemented by a very kind and complimentary invitation from E. Sir A. H. Cobb, to be present and witness the work of conferring the Orders and join in the entertainment of the guest of the evening Cour de Lion Commandery, of Knoxville, Tenn. I shall long regret that it was my misfortune to be compelled to forgo the honor and pleasure of making this visitation. In concluding my report which embraces all the official duties I have had the honor to perform, allow me R. E. Sir, to congratulate you on the general progress made the past two years and the present promising condition of the Order and flattering outlook for the future. It is one permit me to say of which you may well be proud, and reflects much credit on your administration of the affairs of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,

F. M. MOYE,
Grand Captain General.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports which were received and referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

I have the honor of submitting the following :

June 16th, 1891. Distributed circulars of elected officers.

" 22d, " Paid Grand Encampment dues by draft upon the Grand Treasurer.

Received and forwarded to the R. E. Grand Commander the resignation of Sir F. S. Fisher as Grand Representative of this Grand Body near the Grand Commandery of Vermont, he having removed from that Grand Jurisdiction.

April 10th, 1892. Forwarded blanks to Subordinate Commanderies.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Sir Knights have been commissioned Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies.

Alabama Edward W. Gilfillan.....New Tuseumbia.

Vermont William H. Vinton.....Battleboro.

(In place of Rev. Sir F. S. Fisher resigned.)

Commission has been received by Sir W. F. Randolph, Asheville, as Grand Representative of Maryland, (in place of Sir F. L. Jacobs removed from the State.)

Proceeding of the following Fraternal Bodies have been received for 1891 :

Alabama,	Montana,
Arkansas,	Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
Connecticut,	Maryland,
Colorado,	New Jersey,
California,	Nebraska,
Canada,	New Hampshire,
England and Wales,	New York,
Georgia,	North Dakota,
Iowa,	Oregon,
Illinois,	Ohio,
Kentucky,	Pennsylvania,
Kansas,	South Dakota,
Michigan,	Tennessee,
Mississippi,	Texas,
Missouri,	Virginia,
Maine,	Vermont,
Minnesota,	West Virginia,
	Washington.

Three copies came from each Jurisdiction, and these I distributed as follows: One to the Chairman Fraternal Correspondence, one to the Grand Commander, one deposited in the library.

The following amounts have been received:

1891.		
Dec. 2.	Charlotte, No, 2, to May 1st, 1891, dues.....	\$27 00.
	(These returns were received too late to appear in the last years' report of the Grand Recorder.)	
Dec: 12.	Plantagenet, No, 1, (in advance on account.).....	20 50
1892.		
Feb. 5.	Commandery U. D. Tarboro, for dispensation.....	90 00
Apr, 16.	“ “ New Berne, “	90 00
May 6.	Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, dues.....	60 00 ~
10	Plantagenet No. 1, balance dues.....	37 50 ~
12.	Mount Lebanon No. 7. dues.....	37 00 ~
14.	Piedmont No. 6, dues	30 00 ~
16.	Ivanhoe No. 8, dues.....	33 00 ~
19.	Raleigh No. 4, dues.....	46 00 ~
21	Durham No 3, dues.....	37 00 ~
21.	Charlotte No. 2, dues.....	25 00 ~
Total.....		\$539 00

Which have been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

In my last report I had the honor of calling the attention of the Grand Commandery to the difference of opinion existing regarding the paying for newly created Sir Knights, both for Knighting and membership, and asked that the law might be plainly defined. The matter was overlooked, and this year the complaints are more abundant. Will it please the Grand Commandery to take action in this matter?

Various circulars have been received giving notice of Fraternal Dead in other Jurisdictions, which have been forwarded to the Grand Commander.

I would suggest that a few hundred copies of our Constitution and By-Laws be printed in pamphlet form together with such amendments as have been made since its adoption.

Difficulty seems to exist in the minds of Recorders as to the manner of making returns The Law provides that the first of the month preceeding the one in which the Annual Conclave is held, shall close the Templar year, and at that time the officers elected and installed are the proper ones to return regardless of the time when the fiscal year of each Commandery closes.

Our net increase for this year has been twenty-four.

While our increase has not been large, it is notable for the quality of the material, and commendable from the fact that more than usual care is being exercised.

We lay our wreath of mourning upon the grave of our departed.

Sir Knight Frelon J. Babcock, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, who was born in Burke, Vermont, June, 1843, and died at his home in Salem, Oregon, November, 1891, surrounded by faithful friends. He was buried with Masonic honors under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Temple Commandery, No. 3. Knights Templar, acting as an escort. Thus one by one the Knights of the quill depart.

It was with pleasure I accepted an invitation from Sir F. M. Moye, Grand Captain General, to assist in forming Commanderies at Tarboro and New Berne; from my observation of the material offered, I doubt not they will reflect credit upon Templarism in North Carolina and wheresoever dispersed.

Courteously submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1891.		DR.	
July 1,	To balance as per last report.....	\$123	12
1892.			
June 9.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	539 00—	\$662 12
1891.		CR.	
July 7.	By cash paid Grand Encampment dues.....	\$11	75
24.	“ “ “ Edwards & Broughton.....	62	00
Oct. 10.	“ “ “ Printing Proceedings.....	87	50
1892.			
May 8.	“ “ “ Grand Encampment dues.....	13	75
24.	“ “ “ Printing and Stationary	32	07
June 9.	“ “ “ Grand Recorder's Salary.....	50	00
	“ “ “ Grand Recorder's Expenses.....	19	20
	“ “ “ Grand Treasurer's Expenses.....	7	50
	“ “ “ Grand Sentinel's Expenses.....	14	35
July 1.	“ “ on hand.....	364 00—	\$662 12

The Grand Commandery adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Commandery convened pursuant to adjournment with officers in their stations.

Proceedings of the morning session read and approved.

The Committee on returns report as follows.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns have examined and report upon Commanderies as follows:

Plantagenet, No. 1; Durham, No. 3; Raleigh, No. 4; Cyrene, No. 5; Piedmont, No. 6; Mount Lebanon, No. 7; Ivanhoe, No. 8; are correct and complete. Charlotte, No. 2, reports for '91 as well as '92, both being correct but not under seal.

ARTHUR J WILLS,
D. W. BAIN,
GEO. LAMPMAN.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which upon motion was adopted.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them to be correct. We recommend that as much of the report of the Grand Recorder as refers to fees for Knighthood be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. We also recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Recorder for the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws in pamphlet form be carried out.

A. H. COBB,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
W. H. BAIN.

The Committee appointed on time and place for holding the next Annual Conclave report as follows, which was concurred in:

Your Committee appointed to select a place and appoint a time for holding our next Annual Conclave, report recommending Tarboro as the place and the first Thursday after the second Tuesday in May as the time.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
E. S. MARTIN,
F. M. MOYE.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the

following, which upon motion of E. S. Martin, Grand Generalissimo, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommend that a charter be granted to St. George Commandery, No. 9, stationed at Tarboro, and also to St. Johns, at New Berne, if it can be legally done by suspending at this Conclave that part of the statutes requiring a Commandery to display its effecency under dispensation before receiving a charter, but if there can be no legal suspension of this part of the statutes, then we recommend that a Dispensation be granted to the Sir Knights of New Berne to open a Commandery to be known as St. John's, U. D.

Courteously submitted,

J. J. THORNTON,
D. P. MAST,
J. D. BULLOCK,

Committee.

The following resolution offered by Sir Geo. Lampman was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration an amendment to the law of this Grand Body with respect to the compensation of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Sentinel. The Grand Commander appointed upon the above resolution Sirs Geo. Lampman, W. H. Bain and J. D. Glenn, who report as follows :

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of North Carolina pay yearly the incidental expenses of the R. E. Grand Commander, E. Grand Treasurer, Recorder and Scentinel when attending to their official duties, we furthermore recommend that the salary of the Grand Recorder be fifty dollars per year, and that the above remain in force till repealed by this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

GEO. LAMPMAN,

for the Committee.

Which was ordered to lie over till next Annual Conclave.

Sir A. H. Stubbs, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following which was adopted :

Your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to whom was referred that part of the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations relating to the suspension of law, are of the opinion that there can be no legal suspension of Sec. 4 of Sec. 15 of the statutes of this Grand Commandery.

Sir J. J. Thornton introduced the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery acknowledges the receipt of the

courteous invitation of the Knights Templar of Ohio through the representative of that Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Body, and expresses its entire approval of Cincinnati as the most eligible city in which to hold the Triennial of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar for the year 1895.

The summons of J. S. P. Gobin, Grand Master, was read as also a congratulatory letter and ordered on file.

The report of our Grand Representative near the Grand Comdery of Nebraska, was received and filed.

On motion of Sir J. C. Chase, 8 o'clock to-night was appointed the special hour for the election of Grand Officers.

On motion of Sir J. A. Porter, the Grand Commandery adjourned to 8 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

Sir C. H. Ireland, offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Cuffs and Gauntlets attached to our uniform be and hereby are dispensed with.

The special hour having arrived, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the direction of Sirs J. A. Porter and A. H. Stubbs, resulting as follows :

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	E. Grand Generalissimo.
PETER A. WILSON, Jr.....	E. Grand Captain General.
REV. ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	E. Grand Prelate.
ALPHOUSE H. COBB.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander made the following appointments :

JOHN C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN Q. A. BARHAM.....	E. Grand Warden.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

all of which were installed by P. G. C. Donald W. Bain assisted by Sir J. D. Glenn as Grand Marshal.

Sir D. W. Bain offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Grand Recorder for his official services during the past Templar year and his expenses in attending this Annual Conclave Also that the expenses of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Sentinel in attending this Annual Conclave be paid, and that the Grand Sentinel be allowed two dollars for each session of this Conclave.

The Committee on Necrology recommend that a page in our Proceedings be set apart upon which shall be recorded the names of Fraternal dead. On motion of Sir Wm. Simpson, the recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Grand Recorder relating to the payment of \$2.00 for Knighting in addition to \$1.00 for membership, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who failed to report.

During the Conclave Sir Knights Martin and Coleman, visitors from our sister Jurisdiction of Virginia, were introduced and welcomed very happily by the Grand Commander.

The following Grand Representatives were accorded fraternal welcome .

H. T. Bahnson.....	Arkansas.
S. H. Smith	California.
J. D. Glenn.....	Colorado.
H. H. Munson.....	Connecticut.
James Southgate.....	Indiana.
E. S. Martin.....	Iowa.
Wm. Simpson.....	Kansas.
Jno. A. Porter.....	Maine.
W. F. Randolph.....	Maryland.
F. M. Moye.....	Minnesota.
A. H. Cobb	Nebraska.
Jno. J. Thornton.....	Ohio.
D. W. Bain	Vermont.
A. H. Stubbs.....	Virginia.
W. W. Allen	West Virginia.
Jno. C. Chase.....	Washington.

Sir E. S. Martin, Deputy Grand Commander, offered the following, which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of North Carolina hereby expresses to Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, its high appreciation of, and returns thanks for the generous and warm hearted hospitality and Knightly courtesies extended to this Grand Body by that Commandery and its individual members.

Sir Knight F. M. Moye offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina are due and hereby tendered the retiring Grand Commander, R. E. Sir W. W. Allen, for the able and courteous manner with he has discharged the delicate and important duties of the chair, and the zeal and fidelity displayed by him in behalf of Templar Masonry the past two years.



The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Commandery closed in ample and Knightly form.

✠ JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE.—After the Grand Commandery adjourned the members and invited guests at the instance of the Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery repaired to the Hotel Quincy, where an elegant spread met their delighted vision. The Recorder was not present (having suffered an internal relapse,) but is informed by a gastronomic expert, (who has been around,) that it beat anything that he ever saw before.

After singing the Doxology to a tune that put "Old Hundred" to the blush the, "Breetherning" seeing nothing more to eat, mournfully departed.

P. S —We have turned our Southgate to the front, so you fellows that wear long hair and part it in the middle, lookout.

RETURNS

OF

Subordinate Commanderies.

FOR THE YEAR 1892.



PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Eugene S. Martin	Eminent Commander.
John C Chase.....	Generalissimo.
Whitfield P. Toomer.....	Captain General.
Chas I. Comfort	Prelate
James C. Munds	Treasurer.
Duncan McEachern.....	Recorder.
Richard H. Grant.....	Senior Warden.
William J. Smith	Junior Warden.
Walter E. Storm.....	Standard Bearer.
James C Loder.....	Sword Bearer
Uel M. Robinson.....	Warder.
Thomas H. Johnson.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS

Allen, W. W., P. G. C.	Kenan, W. R., P. E. C.	Patrick, Mason M.
Bailey, E. P.	Knowles, F. M.	Price, R. W.
Chadbourn Jas H. Jr.	Latimer, E. S.	Pritchard, T. H.
Chadbourn, W. H., P. E. C.	McKeithan, D. T.	Richards Elias.
Daniel, John H.	Mouroe, Jas W.	Scott, A. L.
Forshee, J. M.	Morton, Geo L.	Smallbones, H. G.
French, G. Z.	Munds, J. D.	Willard, M. S.
Hall, S. G.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.	Williams, Wm. A.
Harris, Geo	Northrop, Samuel.	Williams, D. M.
Jackson, Jas. W.	Noble. M. C. S.	Wynne, H. E

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY No. 2, CHARLOTTE

Time of stated Conclave: Second and Fourth Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

John H. McAden.....	Eminent Commander.
George H. King.....	Generalissimo.
James S. Boyne	Captain General.
Henry C. Eccles.....	Prelate.
John W. Wadsworth.....	Treasurer
Wm. M. Smith.....	Recorder.
Walter S. Liddell.....	Senior Warden.
Robert E. McDonald.....	Junior Warden.
Henry G. Springs.....	Standard Bearer.
S. H. Hilton...	Sword Bearer.
David G. Maxwell.....	Warder.
W. N. Prather.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brenizer, A. G., P. E. C.	Hopkins, Charles F.	Meredith, George.
Allen, D. E.	Curtis, F. O. S.	Davis, B. Swift.
Lipscomb, Conrad F.		

DURHAM COMMANDERY No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave: First Tuesday in each month, at night.

OFFICERS

William L. Wall.....	Eminent Commander.
John F. Freeland.....	Generalissimo.
Edward J. Parrish	Captain General.
John L. Markham.....	Prelate.
Norman M. Johnson...	Treasurer.
James Southgate.....	Recorder.
Charles C. Taylor.....	Senior Warden.
Wm. A. Albright.....	Junior Warden.
Jas. W. Blackwell.....	Standard Bearer.
Julian S. Carr.....	Sword Bearer.
Merritt H. Jones	Warder.
John D. Wilbou.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Bass, Herbert J.	Gattis, James.	Rollins, Wm. P.
Battle, Lee W., P. E. C.	Leary, S. Linton.	Walker, Bernice.
Bishop, Franklin A.	Lee, John W.	Yates, Edwin A.
Blackwell, Wm. T.	Nichols, John.	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

W. A. Withers..	Eminent Commander.
Fred A. Watson.....	Generalissimo.
W. H. Bain.....	Captain Geueal.
Fabius H. Bnsbee.....	Prelate.
S. D. Wait.....	Treasurer.
Thos W. Blake.....	Recorder.
Jslm W. Thompson.....	Senior Warden.
M. Bowes, P. C.....	Junior Warden.
D. L. Adams.....	Standard Bearer.
E. C. Potter.....	Sword Bearer.
Wayne Alcott...	Warder.
R. H. Bradley.....	Sentinel

SIR KNIGHTS.

Andrews, A. B.	Grissom, Eugene, P. G. C.	Sexton, J. A.
Badger, Thos.	Hamilton, D. S.	Sherwood, J. M
Bain, D. W., P. G. C.	Harrell, E. G.	Simpson, Wm., P. C.
Blake, W. R.	Hawkins, M. J.	Snow, Geo. H.
Brewster, J. C.	Hay, T. T.	Uzzell, E. M.
Cowau, H. W.	Heartt, Leo. D.	Wallen, Chas.
Dobson, J. F.	Hicks, W. J.	Wetherell, W. P.
Druewry, John C.	Keogh, T. B.	Woodruff, C. A , P. G. C.
Edwards, C. B.	Mitchell, R. N.	Worth, H. M.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alphonso H. Cobb	Emiuent Commander.
William F. Randolph.....	Geuealissimo.
Arthur J. Wills	Captain Geueal.
Rev George H. Bell.....	Prelate.
Robert R. Porter.....	Treasurer.
Marcus W Robertson	Recorder.
Eli R. Glenn.....	Senior Warden.
John A. Nichols.....	Junior Warden.
William L. Shope.....	Standard Bearer.
John D. Brevard.....	Sword Bearer.
Henry C. Fagg.....	Warder.
Charles C. McCarty.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brookshire, John A.	Gudger, James M.	McNeely, Thomas C.
Brank Joseph.	Hageman, Oscar F.	Nelson, Rev Wm A
Brookshire James M	Herndon, Daniel F.	Porter, J. A., P. G. C.
Blanton, Charles D.	Hilliard, Wm. D.	Reed, Thomas J
Burroughs, John A.	Jacobs, F. L., P. E. C.	Reed, Mark L.
Carter, John H	Jarvis, Wm. M.	Schartle, John W.
Cocke, Wm. M., Jr.	Lawson Thomas.	Sprinkles, Wm. C.
Cortland, John W.	Martin, James G.	Smith, James M.
Collins, David K	Miller, Claudius H.	Tweed, Chas. W.
Dickerson, Joseph E.	Moore, Charles A	Vance, Robert B.
Fullenweider, Edwin H	Moore, Walter E.	Wagner, John A.
Gudger, William J	McBrayer Reuben.	Wheeler, Ozmer B., Jr.
Gudger, Hezekiah A.	McCoy, Thomas C.	

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Peter A. Wilson, Jr.....	Eminent Commander.
Mantford D. Bailey.....	Generalissimo.
D Rich.....	Captain General.
John Q A Barham	Prelate.
Fred G Schaum.....	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith	Recorder.
Ed. L. Jones	Senior Warden.
Robert E. Dalton.....	Junior Warden.
Eugene A Ebert.....	Standard Bearer.
Benj. F Hines.....	Sword Bearer.
Jesse C. Bissant.....	Warder.
Ed. Spoch.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, S. E.	Dalton, P. W.	White, J. H., Jr.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Hunter, J. W. P. E. C	White, J. A.
Bahnsen, H. T., P. E. C.	Hanes, P. H.	Wilson, M. S.
Bohnson, W. G.	Holder, H. A.	Whitaker, C. L.
Blair, W. A.	Milsan, I. H.	
Dwire, H. X.	Price, C. J.	

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Moyer.....	Eminent Commander.
J. D. Bulluck.....	Generalissimo.
B. F. Briggs.....	Captain General.
G. W. Blount.....	Prelate.
John D. Wells.....	Treasurer.
S. M. Warren.....	Recorder.
S. C. Wells.....	Senior Warden.
R. G. Briggs.....	Junior Warden.
T. B. Sugg.....	Standard Bearer.
Jas. T. Cobb.....	Sword Bearer.
Jas. W. Hays.....	Warder.
W. P. Snakenburg.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Applewhite, W. H.	Exum, E. C.	Peacock, J. K.
Barnes, R. S.	Farmer, Wiley W.	Rountree, J. E.
Bulluck, J. D.	Gaskil, J. R.	Richardson, W. W.
Clark, Jas. E.	Harris, W. J.	Ward, W. M.
Clark, H. I.	Hargrave, W. W.	Ward, Dr. J. M.
Daniel, Wiley.	Lipscomb, Jas.	
Daniel, A. N.	Nadal, E. M.	

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Sidney L. Alderman.....	Eminent Commander.
Herbert H. Cartland.....	Generalissimo.
James D. Glenn, P. E. C.....	Captain General.
John J. Thornton, P. E. C.....	Prelate.
Charles H. Ireland, P. E. C.....	Treasurer.
Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Recorder.
George Lampman, P. E. C.....	Senior Warden.
John H. Harris.....	Junior Warden.
Nathaniel L. S. Hall, P. E. C.....	Standard Bearer.
Jacob S. Kantner.....	Sword Bearer.
Samuel A. Kerr.....	Warder.
John C. Clendenin.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Alderman, Albert H.	Holt, Edwin C.	Newell, Dwight W.
Anderson, William.	Johnson, Calvin C.	Richardson, Wm. R.
Bastine, Walter E.	Jones, Burgess E.	Short, Juan F.
Eckel, Charles Eugene.	Lindley, John Van.	Stephens, Jesse F.
Groome, Pinckney L.		

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY No 9, TARBORO.

OFFICERS.

John W. Cotten.....	Eminent Commander.
John R. Pender	Generalissimo.
George Howard, Jr.....	Captain General.
Rev. George Hubbard	Prelate.
Charles J. Austin.....	Treasurer.
Charles J. Austin.....	Recorder.
James R. Gaskill.....	Senior Warden.
Julian M. Baker.....	Junior Warden.
George B. Wright.....	Standard Bearer.
Edward B. Hartman.....	Sword Bearer.
Owen, Williams, Jr.....	Warder.
George B. Studdart.....	Sentinel.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1891.	KNIGHTED	DIMITTED	DIED.	SUS- PENDED	MEMBERS 1892.
Plantagenet.....	1	Wilmington	34	8				42
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte	17	3	1			19
Durham.....	3	Durham.....	18	7	2			23
Raleigh.	4	Raleigh	37	3	1			39
Cyrene	5	Asheville	44	8	1		1	50
Piedmont	6	Winston.....	27	1				28
Mount Lebanon.....	7	Wilson	28	3				31
Ivanhoe.....	8	Greensboro.....	29	4	3	1	18	25
St. George.....	9	Tarboro.....						12
Totals.....			234	37	8	1	18	269

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.



GRAND COMMANDERS.

HORACE H. MUNSON,
EUGENE GRISSOM,
DONALD W. BAIN,
JAMES SOUTHGATE.

CARLE A. WOODRUFF.
JOHN A. PORTER.
WILLIAM W. ALLEN.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.

LEE W. BATTLE,
GEO. H. KING,

EDWARD M. NADAL.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,

FRANCIS M. MOYE.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL.

JULIAN S. CARR,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,

DANIEL G. MAXWELL.
PETER A. WILSON, JR.

EMINENT COMMANDERS.

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WILLIAM R. KENAN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. MCADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
W. L. WALL.....	DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
W. A. WITHERS.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
F. L. JACOBS	CYRENE, No. 5.
A. H. COBB.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
H. T. BAHNSEN.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
S. H. SMITH.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
D. P. MAST.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS.....	MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND	IVANHOE, No. 8.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
NATHANIEL L. S. HALL	IVANHOE, No. 8.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.

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Grand Encampment....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond, Virginia.
Alabama.....	EDMUND R. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	JAMES A. HENRY.....	Little Rock.
California.....	THOMAS H. CASWELL.....	San Francisco.
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Connecticut.....	JOSEPH K. WHEELER.....	Hartford
Georgia.....	SAMUEL P. HAMILTON.....	Savannah.
Illinois.....	GILBERT W. BERNARD.....	78 Monroe St, Chicago.
Indiana.....	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	ALFRED WINGATE.....	Des Moines.
Kansas.....	JOHN H. BROWN.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	LORENZO D. CRONINGER.....	Covington.
Louisiana.....	RICHARD LAMBERT.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	STEPHEN BERRY.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	JOHN H. MILLER.....	Baltimore, Browns whf
Massachusetts & R. I.....	BENJ. W. ROWELL.....	Lynn.
Michigan.....	WILLIAM P. INNES.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	THOMAS MONTGOMERY.....	St Paul.
Mississippi.....	JOHN L. POWER.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	WILLIAM H. MAYO.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	CORNELIUS HEDGES.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	GEORGE P. CLEAVES.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
New York.....	ROBERT MACOY.....	N ^w York.
North Carolina.....	HORACE H. MUNSON.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	WILLIAM T. PERKINS.....	Bismark.
Ohio.....	JOHN N. BELL.....	Dayton.
Oregon.....	JAS. F. ROBINSON.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Philadelphia
South Dakota.....	BRUCE M. ROWLEY.....	Philad.
Tennessee.....	GEORGE C. CONNOR.....	Chattanooga.
Texas.....	ROBERT BREWSTER.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	WARREN G. REYNOLDS.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	YANCY C. BLALOCK.....	Walla Walla
West Virginia.....	ROBERT C. DUNNINGTON.....	Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	JOHN W. LAFLIN.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	ADRIAN J. PARSHALL.....	Cheyene.
Canada.....	DANIEL SPRY.....	Barrie Ontario.
England and Wales.....	WILLIAM TINKLER.....	London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COMMANDERIES.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.			GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Edward W. Gilfillan.....	New Tuscumbia.....	Alabama.....		Rev. Geo. H. Bell.....	Bell.
John L. Sumpter.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.....		H. T. Bahnsou.....	Saleni
Reuben H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.....	California.....		S. H. Smith.....	Winston
William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.....	Colorado.....		James D. Gleun.....	Greensboro.
James H. Welsh.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....		H. H. Munson.....	Wilmington.
John D. Black.....	Jamestown.....	North Dakota.....		Merritt H. Jones.....	Durham.
James L. Flemining.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....		E. M. Nadal.....	Wilson.
Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....		Julian S. Carr.....	Durham.
William J. Robie.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.....		James Southgate.....	Durham.
Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....		E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.
A. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....		William Simpson.....	Raleigh.
George W. Wicks.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....		A. G. Brenizer.....	Charlotte.
William H. Chaffe.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....		Jacob E. Kantner.....	Greensboro.
	Rockland.....	Maine.....		John A. Porter.....	Asheville.
Joseph F. Hinds.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....		W. F. Randolph.....	Asheville.
Edward L. Freeman.....	Central Falls.....	Massachusetts & Rhode Island		George H. King.....	Charlotte.
R. G. Bronson.....	Stillwater.....	Minnesota.....		Francis M. Moye.....	Moyton.
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F. J. Tygard.....	Butler.....	Missouri.....		W. L. Wall.....	Durham.
W. K. Williams.....	York.....	Nebraska.....		A. H. Cobb.....	Asheville.
Don. H. Woodward.....	Keene.....	New Hampshire.....		Jas. C. Munds.....	Wilmington
Joseph D. Congdon.....	Paterson.....	New Jersey.....		S. E. Allen.....	Winston.
Orren C. Parker.....	Batavia.....	New York.....		George W. Blount.....	Wilson.
William T. Walker.....	Toledo.....	Ohio.....		John J. Thoruton.....	Greensboro.
Frank B. Dunn.....	Eugene City.....	Oregon.....		Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.	Wilmington.

William I. Dickson.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	E. J. Parrish.....	Durham.
G. W. Burnside.....	Sioux Falls.....	South Dakota.....	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.
W. C. Smith.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	Michael Bowes.....	Raleigh.
S. D. Scudder.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Wm. H. Vinton.....	Brattleboro.....	Vermont.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.
Elbert C. Walthall.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
W. H. Travis.....	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.....	W. H. Chadbourne.....	Wilmington.
George C. Teall.....	Fau Claire.....	Wisconsin.....	John C. Chase.....	Wilmington.
James P. DeMattos.....	Whatcover.....	Washington.....		



Our Honored Dead in Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

ALABAMA.

R. E. SIR WALTER L. BRAGGS,

Past Grand Commandbr,

Died Aug. 21st, 1891.

E. SIR JOHN J. DEMENT,

Past Grand Generalissimo,

Died Aug. 10th, 1891.

ILLINOIS.

R. E. SIR DANIEL DUSTIN,

Past Grand Commander,

Died March 30th, 1892.

INDIANNA.

R. E. SIR SALATHIEL T. WILLIAMS,

Past Grand Commander,

Died April 29th, 1892.

KENTUCKY.

R. E. SIR JOHN S. LYLE,

Past Grand Commander,

Died April 13th, 1892.

KANSAS.

R. E. SIR BENJ. F. HANNA,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Dec. 8th, 1891.

MAINE.

V. E. JOSEPH F. LEVITT,

Past Deputy Grand Commander,

Died June 30th, 1891.

E. SIR IRA BERRY,

Grand Recorder

Died September 20th, 1891.

SIR JOHN BIRD,

Grand Representative,

Died May 10th, 1892.

MARYLAND.

R. E. SIR JACOB E. KREBS,

Past Grand Commander,

Died April 26th, 1892.

Our Honored Dead in Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

MICHIGAN.

R. E. SIR EDWARD L. BENEDICT,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Jan. 30th, 1892.

MISSISSIPPI.

R. E. SIR JOSEPH E. LEIGH,
Grand Commander,
Died November 7th, 1891.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

R. E. SIR NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
P. G. Commander and Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment
Died March 2d, 1892.

OHIO.

SIR KNIGHT AND REV. LAFAYETTE VAN CLEVE,
E. Grand Prelate Grand Encampment,
Died March 2d, 1892.

OREGON.

R. E. SIR ROCKY P. EARHORN,
Past Grand Commander,
Died May 1st, 1892.
SIR KNIGHT FRELON J. BABCOCK,
Grand Recorder,
Died November 1st, 1891.

TENNESSEE.

R. E. SIR ACHILLES DE SEARS,
Past Grand Commander
Died June 15th, 1891.

Our Own Honored Dead.

DARIUS S. WAITT,
Raleigh Commandery, No. 4,
Died June 12th, 1891.

RICHARD S. BOYD,
Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8,
Died January 9th, 1892.

APPENDIX.

VALE.

*To the R. E. Grand Commandery Knights Templar,
of North Carolina.*

The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, begs to submit that by reason of many hinderances to the proper performance of the duties of the position, he forwarded to his confrere Rev. Sir Alfred A. Stubbs, R. E. P. G. C., all of the proceedings of sister Grand Commanderies, except those of Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. These this Correspondent has made some notes upon, for the reason that coming in later than the others it was thought perhaps a division of labor might be agreeable, but chiefly because in some of these there were references to this correspondent's last report which he deemed proper to refer to. Having made the amende, wherein grievance was attributed or hinted at, he takes leave of the position and asks that some other be made chairman. Sir Stubbs, a most suitable Frater, fitted by education and social qualifications, with avocation eminently fitting the position, is most enthusiastically nominated to hold the position until the time of meeting of the Grand Commandery is so changed as to allow this correspondent to be present to read his reports, when he *may* be induced to allow his name run for a third term, unless something better can be offered him. So now a most courteous adieu is waved to the Fraters. If anything has been said at variance with the sentiments of others, let it not be set down in malice, nor viewed with a critic's eye, but as the conscientious conviction of a weak brother, debarred many of the privileges of the Order, in that he lives in a jurisdiction of limited means for the enjoyment of those higher social and polite amenities belonging to the Order. In laying down the pen of correspondent we feel it in our heart to say we are still further debarring ourselves delights we fain would retain. The perusal of the reviews, looking into the workings of sister jurisdictions, many more highly favored than our own, looking upon the pictured faces of our Fraters as photographed in imperishable limning in their words and deeds is pleasure indeed, from which incalculable benefit is derived, and pure delight afforded, but they must be given up, and so good-bye again. "May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

GEORGE W. BLOUNT.

ILLINOIS 1891.

Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave assembled in Chicago, 29th October, 1891.

Sir Joseph E. Dyas, R. E. G., Commander, with full corps of Grand Officers present.

In the address of the Grand Commander we find tender mention of three of the eminent members of the Grand Commandry who had ceased from their labors on earth, as well also of many in other jurisdictions. The address shows a year fully occupied in profitable work, and the reports of the other Grand Officers, from the R. E. Deputy Grand Commander down to the Grand Warder, manifest a zeal and activity worthy of imitation, fruiting in much good to the Order and inspiring subordinate commanderies with greater activity. The State is divided into eight districts, one assigned to each of the Grand Officers, and the commanderies in each visited and inspected. The Memorial Service of R. E. Sir Norman T. Gassett, P. G. Commander, with the funeral sermon of Rev. Dr. Lorimer, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, the report of the Committee on the Templar Dead, all printed in full, show the very high esteem in which he was held as a man, enterprising citizen, Christian and Mason. In the account given of the service, it is said in describing the appearance of the church and surroundings: "Nothing was of the funereal aspect; everything was beautiful, and it seemed as if nature in all its grandeur had been pressed into service to do honor to the memory of a good man. * * * * It was fitting that Dr. Lorimer should speak the eulogy on Norman T. Gassett, for he knew him for many years, as one of his flock, as a friend and as a Mason."

Suitable mention is made also of R. E. Sir G. W. Deering, P. G. C., and R. E. Sir H. M. Johnson, P. G. C.—three Past Grand Commanders who had been called to rest during the year 1891. Truly it may be said of them: They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them, and in them they will ever live.

A recapitulation of the work of the Order in the State shows that there had been created during the year, 566 Sir Knights; 94 admitted, 33 re-instated, which, after the deductions by demission, suspension and death, shows an increase of 339 members, with a grand total of 7,978 members in good standing, and a balance in the Treasury of \$8,019.61; a larger balance, says the Grand Recorder, than we have ever had at any previous annual.

Sir John Carson Smith does the work of Correspondent the third time, beginning this with the felicitation that peace, harmony and prosperity prevail in all the Grand Commanderies, and the fact that on every hand preparations are being made for the Twenty-fifth or Silver Triennial of the Grand Eneampment to be held in Denver. (Alas, alas! the same hindrance stareth this Correspondent in the face: "The few shekels lacking.") He did not pass around his hat. As Frater Smith was the only one who

proffered to drop in a mite, he was afraid after the hat passed Sir Smith it might not get back, and so he might lose his hat.) Sir Smith ventures the hope that a National Ritual will be submitted and adopted by the Triennial Conclave, to which Canada will accede. "*So mote it be,*" but the faith of this Scribe waxeth faint. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick"—the almond tree flourisheth around his temples to-day, and yearling toddlers call him grand-pop. After awhile he will be too old to learn the new Ritual.

North Carolina and this Correspondent is noticed pleasantly, and it might be added, very complimentarily, especially where he makes out this Correspondent R. E. Grand Commander and prints the name out in full with the title. It does make a fellow feel good to see his name in print, even if it is only a "playing at sposing." It is pleasing, too, to see views approved, especially as so many got after him about his Huguenot notions as to celebrating certain "holy" days. Well, well, Court week and other matters intervene to keep this Scribe away from Grand Chapter and Commandery meetings, and the office of Correspondent is not in the line of promotion, so the realization of the dream of having R. E. G. C. following G. W. B. is "indefinitely postponed." Frater Wheeler has not, as yet, begun suit for infringement of copyright, but the speech has been "said" and the poetry used, and rapturous applause followed.

It may be he did not read the whole of the report as Frater Smith did. May he live long and prosper. Having attained to the distinguished honor, R. E. Sir, may Frater Smith hold the post of Correspondent unto the 33d.

Right Eminent Sir Sylvester Omer Sping was elected Grand Commander.

Eminent Sir Gilbert W. Barnard was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Right Eminent Sir John Carson Smith was re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave. (36th), will be held in the City of Chicago, on Tuesday, 25th day of October, A. D. 1892, A. O. 774.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Commandery of Louisiana convened in the city of New Orleans, February 12, 1892.

Sir A. S. Badger, R. E. Grand Commander, with full corps of Grand officers and quite an array of Past Grand officers. Only three commanderies represented.

The first thing done after opening in ample form was to pass a resolution admitting to participation in proceedings all the Sir Knights present without uniform. And the first thing after rendering thanks for mercies past and tribute to the dead, was the lament of the Grand Commander at the fact that the regulation requiring each Sir Knight to provide himself with uniform was not enforced. By all means enforce the regulation; for nothing adds so much to the ceremony, public or private, as the display of the uni-

form the flashing blade and nodding plume. Specially is it desirable when the pomp and parade of the Ascension day celebrations are solemnized, the account of which occupies so much of the Grand Commander's address.

The Grand Commander felicitates the Fraters on the near completion of the Masonic Temple, where the Sir Knights will have an asylum more befitting their wishes and wherein the orders may be more satisfactorily conferred. Get your uniforms before you get into new quarters; and then you can strut.

Sir Samuel Alston was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next Grand Conclave will be held in New Orleans on 17th February 1892.

MARYLAND.

Two special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Maryland were held, the first on 7th January, 1891 to take into consideration all business of importance arising from the emergency of the destruction of their Temple on 25th December, 1890.

The next on 30th March following, to install the officers elect of subordinate commanderies and the transaction of such other business as might lawfully come before it.

The Grand Commander delivered an address full of feeling, referring to the great loss sustained by the Grand Commandery. Officers of eight commanderies were installed, and the Grand Commander presented Baltimore Commandery with a set of solid silver jewels to replace those destroyed by the fire of December 25th, 1890. The Annual Conclave was held in the old United States Court House November 24th 1891. Full corps of Grand officers and representatives present. Sir Henry Ogier Reese R. E. Grand Commander, presiding; Sir John Henry Miller, F. Recorder. In his address the Grand Commander referred to the fact that though visited by dire calamity much work had been done, and prosperity pervaded the jurisdiction. The work of the Grand Commandery seems not to have been materially impaired though embarrassed by serious loss. A significant heading appears above the list of the beloved dead:

"THE LOTS WERE CAST BY ANGEL HANDS AND THE CHOICE
FELL ON THE FOLLOWING VALIANT KNIGHTS
OF THE TEMPLE."

"ENTERED THE UNSEEN ASYLUM "

The correspondence report is full—replete with matters of interest, except that one little body was passed over without reference. Well, we can readily excuse the omission, for we might have been taken to task for our animadversions upon holy days, to the celebration of which much attention is given in the proceedings. We congratulate Sir Gorgas on the hope of tabernacling in a new temple far exceeding the one destroyed in magnifi-

cence and appointments. He concludes with a most graphic description of the new Temple, which he hopes will be ready for occupancy by the first of September 1892.

Sir Stephen R. Mason was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sir F. G. S. Gorgas, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

The next (twenty-second) Annual Conclave will be held at Masonic Temple, Baltimore, November 22d, A. O. 774, A. D. 1892

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1891.

The record of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island begin with Special Conclave, January 7, 1891, at Cambridge to install the officers and constitute Cambridge Commandery, which was done in ample form, the record of which was made from notes left by the late lamented Alfred F. Chapman, who died March 20th, 1891.

Then follows record of another Special Conclave, held in the City of Boston, March 23, 1891, called for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of Grand Recorder Chapman. Most solemnly and impressively did the R. E. Grand Commander and R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, conduct the funeral service. A beautiful tribute to his memory concludes: "Chivalric, brave and always earnest for the right, yet tender-hearted and gentle as a woman, he was the type of the best of the brave Knights of old, whose memory we cherish." Honored in life by intimate association with the eminent men of the craft, his escort to the grave was selected from among those who revered his memory, as will be seen from the following list of the pall-bearers, appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

R. E. Sirs Caleb Saunders and George H. Burnham, Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery; E. Sir Theodore L. Kelley, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery; E. Sir David F. Day Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; Sir Charles E. Phipps, High Priest of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter; Sir William B. Lawrence, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts; Sir Thomas Waterman, Master of Zetland Lodge

Next, the Semi-Annual Conclave, held in the City of Providence, May 20th, 1891.

Sir John P. Sanborn, R. E. Grand Commander, with full corps of Grand officers present, and one hundred and forty-four Sir Knights registered. The business of the Conclave was of local character. No decision or other matter of general interest noted. After which, on June 11th, another Special Conclave was held in Gloucester, Mass., for the purpose of constituting Bethlehem Commandery and to install its officers which was done.

After which followed, October 30th, 1891, the Annual (85th) Conclave, in

the City of Boston with full line of Grand Officers, permanent members, making a long and imposing roster, which, with representatives from forty Subordinate Commanderies, sum up 217 votes. The Trustees' report shows a "grand fund of \$18,281.51 and a net income of \$691.82." Condition of Grand Commandery and of the order in jurisdiction, good.

The Correspondent, Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg as in times past, makes a fine report reviewing the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Commanderies, including North Carolina, which, by the looks of the pamphlet, is the least of all, but which is courteously reviewed; but gives ye Correspondent a perhaps merited rebuke for referring to him as a "*preacher*" and for an "ugly fling at conference meetings of churches." I beg to say, my dear brother, nothing was further from my intentions, and it does strike me that if the obnoxious extract were read carefully, nothing like anything unkind could be, by any interpretation, extracted from it. I was in the most pleasant humor and have had some knowledge of the workings of his Satanic highness in conference meetings, in which from a thirty years' experience, I have frequently had to meet and combat him. Say now you forgive me.

Sir Brother Rugg begins his report with an appropriate reference to the loss sustained by the Grand Commandery in the death of Sir Alfred H. Chapman, who had been Grand Recorder for nearly a quarter of a century and for many years Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and who died on 20th March, 1891, concluding with that which takes out all stings his criticism may have as follows:

"As we write the closing words of this paper we think of the honored dead—the dear departed ones who have gone forward within the year from our own and sister jurisdictions. The list is a long one; in it are the names of friends and brothers with whom we have held pleasant communion, and others alike honored and mourned, deservedly remembered for love's sake and for their works' sake. Being dead and passed on to the reward of faithful souls, they yet speak to us of duty and the right, and remind us to work and trust until the end. May we imitate the virtues that are thus commended and illustrated, and above all follow Him, the great Exemplar in faith and duty, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Captain of our Salvation!"

"To our brother Correspondents we would express our kindest feeling—our cordial and best wishes; and to our brethren of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, we would submit this report with all the heartiness of sincerest regard and true respect."

OHIO.

A splendid steel engraving of the Grand Commander adorns the title page—a fine face, frank, open, honest countenance.

The Forty-Ninth Session convened in the city of Cincinnati, September 23d, 1891, when Mayor Mosby welcomed the Grand Commandery in eloquent style, which was responded to by Grand Commander Melish.

"After responsive devotional service led by the E. Grand Prelate, the R. E. Grand Commander declared a Commandery of Knights Templar duly opened." After the Committee on Credential had reported a constitutional number present, "The R. E. Grand Commander announced the Grand Commandery Knights Templar duly opened in *ample form* for the transaction of business," and so the ceremony of the Knights Templar gave way to the prelatical form. Whither are we drifting? The Grand Commander's address covers sixteen pages well conceived and beautifully expressed. Showing comprehensive research and at the same time compact, yet minute in business detail. From which and the reports of the other officers, is seen the prosperity of the order throughout the jurisdiction, "at peace with all the world and the rest of mankind."

Twelve pages are taken in giving the form for "*Devotional Services for Ascension Day, arranged for the Grand Commanderies Subordinate to the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights Templar.*" with processional hymn, responsive readings, prayers, Psalms, Collects, Apostles Creed, Litany, etc.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Sir Enoch T. Carson, covering 165 pages, while cut short by the death of a dearly loved daughter, the darling child of his old age, is a marvel of industrious, painstaking, discriminating study. Digesting and bringing out from each of the jurisdictions reviewed a most judicious, fair and fraternal summary. The whole volume is worthy of most attentive perusal. North Carolina is noticed, and the views of this correspondent combatted as to the observance of "Holy Days" to which no reply will be vouchsafed, preferring that harmony should prevail rather than that sectarian disquisition should mar our intercourse as valiant and magnanimous Knights.

It may be observed however, that if we be in Christ we are new creatures, "Old things have passed away; behold all things are become new." Old forms and ceremonies were abolished as was distinctly declared when He said "Neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem" * * * * "But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth" I hope these detached quotations may not be regarded as "garbled" and to save trouble of hunting up and tracing them out, I refer you to II Cor., V. 17 and 18, and John IV 21, 22, 23.

This correspondent deprecated the celebration of holy days as a part of of Templar service for the *very reason* that within its folds *are* Huguenots, Baptists and other sects of Christian Masons who do not accept the Catholic calendar as authentic data, and because of the debatable character of all sectarian differences, all of which should be kept out of the Lodge and

Asylum, where we all meet upon a common level Bro. Carson's disquisition on "Holy Days" shows that there is *ground* for discussion and rightly has he collated the authorities on which he rests his case, and the very truth of my contention, that our Councils must not be invaded by controversy.

Sir Knight Hunting Brown, elected R. E. Grand Commander

Sir Knight John Nelson Bell, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, Correspondent

Next Session assembles at Columbus, September 6th, 1892.

OREGON.

The Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Oregon, was held in Portland, October 27th, 1891. Sir David Patterson Mason, acting Grand Commander; Sir C. B. Winn acting Grand Recorder.

Past Grand officers and representatives from four Commanderies were present participating. The deputy Grand Commander, acting as Grand Commander, excuses himself from a more elaborate address on the ground that he only knew a few days before that he would be called on to preside because of the unavoidable and unfortunate absence of the Grand Commander. He reports the progress of the order all that could be desired. While not large, sufficiently so, when we consider that only our best and most exemplary men are entitled to membership in the order. In fitting phrase he refers to the absence of P. G. C. Earhart and that of Grand Recorder Babcock, the latter of whom he fears will meet with them no more this side of the river, and expresses the satisfaction that he is fully equipped ready to answer the roll call to a higher and nobler life. (He died November 1st, 1890) The Grand Recorder reports a gain of forty-nine in membership in the Grand jurisdiction.

Sir David P. Mason was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson was elected E. Grand Recorder

We regret to note that serious sickness prevented the Chairman on Correspondence getting in his report till the middle of January, 1892, and that the delay prevented the publication of the *proceedings*, so it seems other Grand Commanderies allow the committee to finish its annual report to *Grand Commandery* at a future day, and this scribe don't feel quite so *awfully* bad now, with that confession and apology, since his return from the boundless contiguity of shade, and the perusal of the report of Frater Hodson. His report is quite an exhaustive one, writing much more about each Grand Commandery than the limited time allowed him might seem to warrant, and, though he don't say so, I 'spect he put out for a big roaring fire instead of the boundless contiguity of shade, being as how he finished the "middle of January." If not "*done for*" for himself he has certainly

done up a neat little job of fifty-four pages of very creditable review work. I have read the whole through and did not feel quite so much "*done for*" because I had the cool of the spring time in the which to perform the duty, instead of the hot and sultry season of June of last year when the duty was thrust upon me by the Senior Scribe, Southgate. It was not the work of writing the twenty-five pages but that of *reading* the mass of several hundred to get out of them a readable sketch fit for our little *pamphlet*.

"If thou wouldst be an author sage—
Think a volume, write a page;
And from every page of thine
Publish but a single line."

I don't know who wrote those lines, but this I remember: My sainted father on correcting a composition in my youthful prime, having to strike out much of my verbiage, wrote them on the reverse side of one of my sheets, and I have remembered them, if I have not profited by the advice therein contained. "God be with thee till we meet again," and I hope you will not "break for the woods" when this you see; nor get so sick as to delay the publication of Grand Commandery proceedings to the middle of January next.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Commandery of Tennessee held its Thirtieth Annual Conclave in Nashville, May 10th. 1892

Present Sir R. G. Pillon, R. E. Grand Commander, with quite a full array of officers there being only three put in "as" officers and representatives from fourteen Commanderies.

The address of the Grand Commander deals almost exclusively with matters pertaining to the craft of his own jurisdiction and is exercised at the action of the Grand Lodge of the State in requiring non-applicates to pay stipulated sum to the Grand or be suspended and thereby be cut off from affiliation with higher bodies. He harps upon the expression used in becoming a Mason that it is "of his own free will and accord," but leaves out the other fact that having of his own free will and accord become a workman in the Temple, he should be a workman bearing his share of the burdens. It is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and when he fails of that duty, he ought not to ask to enjoy and participate in the privileges of the higher orders. The foundation stones must be kept firmly fixed or the superstructure may topple over. The address is well written in tasteful language and luminous imagery, if this correspondent may be allowed to express himself in his own way. He is not much at spelling, and at proper names he frequently fails. Nor is it at all certain the fault is his in the instance referred to by Sir *Connor* it may have been at the door of the proof reader who was doubtless acquainted with one of our ablest Judges who spells his name *Conner*. Now don't "hit" me such

another "lick" specially seeing as how such a nice notice was given to that *picture*. The remarks about ritual meets the hearty approval of this correspondent. While believing as hewing to the line in all esoteric "work," he knows the impossibility of compelling strict conformity. Every Mason should know the true work in the symbolic degrees to a. t. that of the other or ornamental degrees should be known on such wise as that the conferring of them should be intelligent and sufficiently uniform to make the ceremonies enjoyable and instructive. Frater Connor makes a model report long may he continue in the work. The Grand Recorder is the proper man to do the work. His intercourse with the craft is such that eminently fits him for correspondent.

Sir Thos. O. Morris, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir G. C. Connor, E. R. and Correspondent.

Next Conclave in city of Memphis, May 9th. 1893

VIRGINIA.

Sixty-ninth Conclave was held in the city of Petersburg, November 12th, 1891, Sir Daniel J. Turner, Jr., R. E. Grand Commander presiding—full corps of officers and representatives from sixteen Subordinate Commanderies

The Grand Commander delivered an admirable address showing learning in Masonic lore and law. His decisions were approved by an able special committee appointed to consider the same and endorsed by the Grand Commandery. The Grand Master wrote expressing regret that his official position (speaker of the State Senate of Penn.) prevented his being present to enjoy the hospitality of the Virginia Sir Knights as he had done on a previous occasion.

No report on correspondence and the volume is thereby considerably lessened.

Sir J. L. Avis, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. B. Isaacs R. E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

Next Conclave will meet in Richmond at such time as the Grand Commandery may appoint.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirty-third Session of the Grand Commandery was held in the city of Milwaukee, October 13th and 14th, 1891.

Sir E. G. Jackson, R. E. Grand Commander, with full corps of Grand Officers present.

No part of the work of review is so pleasant as that of reading the address of Grand Commanders. That of Grand Commander Jackson was especially pleasing not only for its easy flowing style, but for the underlying senti-

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ment of devotion to principle and terse address to business. His address is well worth perusal and the vote of thanks for his integrity, fidelity and skill; for his earnest labor to promote the best interest of the craft, was well deserved, and intended as no mere complimentary oration. His report and those of each of the Subordinate Officers show that work, progress, and intelligent appreciation of the responsibility of office moved each and much good was done. Office is not simply designed to give high sounding title, but should imply the imposition of duty, which if faithfully performed brings honor and reward with increased prosperity to the order. The example of these Grand Officers is worthy of imitation.

Sir W. C. Swain, correspondent gives an excellent report of the different Grand Commanderies in correspondence with his Grand Commandery and shows fine discriminating appreciation of the noteworthy act and sayings recorded—giving voluminous extracts from such of the papers as contained anything good, and where he was of a different opinion he had the manhood to assert it. As to his difference of opinion with the correspondent on the subject of *Holy Days*, he simply says he has no sympathy with objection and does not think “the observance interferes with individual liberty to worship, etc.,” but gives no reason. That the very fact that it is not approved by all Sir Knights and not in harmony with the religious belief of all sects, it ought not to be incorporated in the observances of the order, which is composed of some of all sects of christians, and nothing should be obtruded that would disturb *perfect* harmony. There is a common level on which all may stand and the grand doctrines inculcated in the teachings and life of our Saviour, and his death and resurrection and ascension as illustrated in our ceremonies, need not set days of display and ceremonial devotion to impress them on the christian heart. The Romish calendar may fix days, but none are set out in the Bible “our only rule and guide.”

Sir D. Lloyd Jones, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir J. W. Laflin, Grand Recorder.

Sir W. C. Swain, Correspondent.

Next Session at Milwaukee, 11th October, 1892.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,
Correspondent.

NOTE.—We regret being obliged to add that the report upon the proceedings of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, California, Colorado, Canada and Georgia, got lost in transmission.—Recorder.

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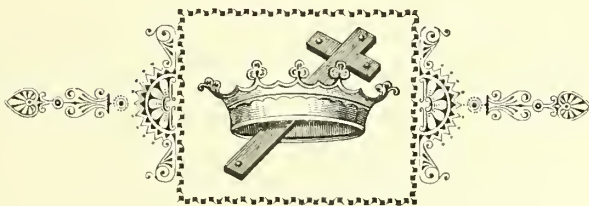
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

—HELD IN—

TARBORO,

Thursday, May 11th, A. D., 1893, A. O. 775.



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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Thirteenth Annual Conclave at the Asylum of St. George Commandery, No. 9, in the city of Tarboro, Thursday, May 11, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

JAMES SOUTHGATE R. E. Grand Commander.
DANIEL P. MAST as V E. Deputy Grand Commande .
JOHN W. COTTEN as E. Grand Generalissimo.
ALPHONSO H. COBB (G. S. W.)..... as E. Grand Captain General.
HENRY I. CLARK as E. Grand Prelate.
WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH..... as E Grand Senior Warden
GEO. LAMPMAN E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON..... E Grand Recorder.
JOHN C. CHASE..... E. Grand Standard Bearer.
GEO. J. STUDDERT..... as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
WILLIAM H. APPLEWHITE..... as E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY..... E. Grand Sentinel.

and was opened in ample and Knightly form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST CONCLAVE.

On motion of Sir Knight John W. Cotten, the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, printed copies being in the hands of the members.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed sir Knights, Geo. Howard, Jr., Geo. Lampman and W. H. Bain a Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the

following named Commanderies to be properly represented; also in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present mentioned below.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE R. E. Grand Commander.
 DANIEL P. MAST as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
 JOHN W. COTTEN as E. Grand Generalissimo
 ALPHONSO H. COBB (G. S. W.) as E. Grand Captain General.
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 JOHN C. CHASE E. Grand Standard Bearer.
 GEO. J. STUDDERT as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
 WILLIAM H. APPLEWHITE as E. Grand Warder.
 ROBERT H. BRADLEY E. Grand Sentinel.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

JOHN C. CHASE Eminent Commander.
 H. H. MUNSON Proxy for Generalissimo.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 2, DURHAM.

JAMES SOUTHGATE Representative.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

W. A. WITHERS Eminent Commander.
 W. R. BLAKE Proxy for Generalissimo.
 W. H. BAIN Captain General.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

W. F. RANDOLPH Eminent Commander.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

M. D. BAILEY Generalissimo.
 D. P. MAST Proxy for Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

J. D. BULLOCK Eminent Commander.
 W. H. APPLEWHITE Captain General

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

GEO. LAMPMAN Proxy for Eminent Commander and Generalissimo

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, NO. 9, TARBORO.

JOHN W. COTTEN Eminent Commander
 GEO. HOWARD, Jr. Captain General.

COMMITTEES.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

On Returns: Sir Knights Geo. Howard, Jr, Geo. Lampman and W. H. Bain.

On Grand Commander's Address: Sir Knights A. H. Cobb, J. W. Cotten, D. P. Mast.

On Warrants and Dispensations: Sir Knights H. I. Clark, W. H. Applegate, M. D. Bailey.

On Finance: Sir Knights J. D. Bullock, W. F. Randolph and Geo. J. Studdert.

On Appeals and Grievances: Sir Knights M. D. Bailey, C. J. Austin and J. H. Hackburn.

On Place and Time of Next Annual Conclave: Sir Knights Geo. Lampman, Geo. Meredith and F. Ulrich.

On Templar Jurisprudence: Sir Knights D. P. Mast, H. H. Munson and J. W. Cotten.

On Fraternal Correspondence: Sir Knights J. C. Chase, M. S. Willard and A. H. Cobb.

On Unfinished Business: J. H. Hackburn, W. J. Long and H. I. Lovick.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir James Southgate, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his Address, which, upon motion, was referred to the following Committee: Sir Knights J. W. Cotten, A. H. Cobb and D. P. Mast.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina:

SIR KNIGHTS:—We meet at this, the Thirteenth Annual Grand Conclave, under the most auspicious circumstances, and I congratulate the Grand Commandery on the goodly attendance, which bespeaks the great interest taken in our magnanimous Order. Born amid the blaze of religious enthusiasm, when each Sir Knight felt deep down in his inmost soul that he must bear an important part in the prosecution of the ultimate design for which his Order was created, so must we, by every honest endeavor, show our interest in this great and glorious work, and each bear his part in bearing aloft his banner to the breeze, proclaiming liberty to the captive, comfort to the aching heart and faith in the risen Redeemer of the human race.

Let us be thankful that our lots have been cast in an age when the Cross has been set up in nearly every land, and there is no longer a demand to do battle in its defence with carnal weapons, but by obedience to the will of the lowly Nazarene we may each become a Christian Knight and dissemi-

nate the principles of true religion among the sons of men. While we are thus favored with life and health, it is sad to know that some who were in elbow touch with us in the lines formed at Winston last year, have laid aside the sword, and we trust have taken up the crown.

NECROLOGY.

Sir Knight J. Q. A. Barham, Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery, died at his home in the city of Winston, N. C., on the 21st of October, 1892, aged sixty three years, five months and twenty-eight days. He had for many years been a useful and devoted Mason, prompt in the discharge of duty, whether as Master of the Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter, Prelate of the Commandery, or Warder of the Grand Commandery. All of these offices he filled with ability and sound judgment. His work is finished, his record is made, and we trust he has taken up his crown.

Sir Knight Donald W. Bain, Past Grand Commander, died at his home in Raleigh, N. C., on the 17th of November 1892, in the fifty-second year of his age. A notable and valiant Sir Knight has fallen and will no more be seen among us. In the various annual gatherings of Masons he was a familiar figure. He filled with great ability many of the most important offices in Church, State and Masonry. Of genial disposition, affable manners and affectionate nature, he was universally loved and admired. His Christian life was an exemplification of true and undying loyalty to that faith which was the guide of his actions in life and stay in the hour of dissolution. He sleeps in the tomb, but the memory of his beautiful and devoted life will be an enduring heritage to those he has left behind.

The subordinate Commanderies have suffered in some measure, also, and a few have been called upon to lay aside their sword and retire to the peaceful slumber of the tomb.

Sir Knight J. Dickson Munds, a member of Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, died at his home in Wilmington, N. C., on the 18th of January, 1893.

Sir Knight Reuben McBrayer, of Cyrene, No. 5, died at his home in Asheville, N. C., on the 5th of July, 1892.

Sir Knight H. X. Dwier, of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, died in Asheville, N. C., March 14th, 1893.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

E. Sir Leonidas E. Smedley, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, died at his home in Greencastle, Ind., June 10th, 1892, in the thirty-fifth year of his age.

Sir Knight Luman Russell Atwater, Past Grand Commander of Michigan, died at his home in the city of Grand Rapids, July 23, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Sir Knight Francis Berien Dunn, Past Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 2, Knight's Templar of the city of Eugene, Oregon, died

suddenly at his home July 20th, 1892, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. For several years he was the Grand Representative of North Carolina, near the Grand Commandery of Oregon.

Sir Knight George Leonard Kimball, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died at the home of his childhood, Concord, New Hampshire, November 2, 1892, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Sir Knight Jesse Richardson Purnell, Past Grand Commander of West Virginia, died on the 31st of August, 1892.

Sir Knight Woodward Abraham, Past Grand Commander of Maryland, died while visiting in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 5th, 1892, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

Sir Knight Charles Harman Mann, Past Grand Commander of Maryland, and its first R. E. Grand Commander, died while visiting in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 5th of September, 1892, in the eighty-third year of his age.

Sir Knight Thomas McFadden Patton, E. Grand Prelate of Oregon, died November 29th, 1892, in the sixty-third year of his age. For eighteen years he was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter, and he has made valuable contributions to the Masonic literature of his time.

Sir Knight John Dunning Adams, 32d Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died in the city of Little Rock, December 8th, 1892, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Sir Knight Homer Stanley Goodwin, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, died in South Bethlehem, Pa., in the sixtieth year of his age.

Sir Knight Azariah G. Howard, Past Grand Commander of Georgia, died in the city of Atlanta on the twenty-sixth of January, 1893.

Sir Knight Joseph Potts Horner, Past Grand Commander of Louisiana, died in the city of New Orleans, January 24th, 1893. Having occupied many of the highest offices in the gift of the fraternity, he has fallen on sleep.

Sir Knight John Henry Brown, Grand Recorder of Kansas, died on the 12th of March, 1893, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. A useful, bright and noble Sir Knight has gone to his reward.

Sir Knight Nathan S. Kimball, Deputy Grand Commander of Massachusetts, died in Haverhill on the 1st of April, 1893, in the seventy-third year of his age. He died with his armor on, a martyr to his fidelity. The sympathy of this grand jurisdiction has been extended to the bereaved Fraters.

When this long roll of the departed is called, it should be a solemn and impressive lesson to us who remain to be ready when *our* names shall be called and no answer can be given. We, too, must pay the great debt of Nature, and pass out from the tabernacle of clay. If life's battle has been well fought, and the banner of truth been kept unfurled, we may welcome the grim monster Death, and be transported to the Celestial Asylum above, where we can sing forever the songs of the redeemed.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From the large number of Sir Knights petitioning for dispensations to form new Commanderies and confer the Order out of the usual time, I infer that new interest is being taken in the various parts of our jurisdiction. From the best information obtainable in the absence of returns, I am satisfied that considerable advancement has been made all along the lines, and that a new impetus has been given to our Order. For this we are greatly indebted to our R. E. Grand Generalissimo Sir Knight F. M. Moye, by whose indefatigable labors two new commanderies have been put to work, and are now doing well.

DISPENSATIONS.

Doubtless the power conferred upon the Grand Commander to grant dispensations is frequently abused, yet it is a difficult matter to refuse an application, unless it is in strict violation of law, and therefore, believing that the reasons in each case were for the good of Templarism, and that the work of the Order should not be delayed, the following dispensations have been granted :

On the 24th of June, 1892, to Durham Commandery, No. 3, to appear in public in full uniform as an escort to Durham Lodge, No. 352, A. F. & A. M., to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist.

On the 26th of June, 1892, to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to appear in public in full uniform as an escort to Hiram and William G. Hill Lodges, A. F. & A. M., at a special religious service in commemoration of St. Johns Day.

On the 4th of July, 1892, to Durham Commandery, No. 3, to elect officers at the regular meeting in July, they having failed to secure a quorum at the regular meeting in June.

On the 6th of July, 1892, to Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, to ballot upon the petition of a companion for knightly orders without waiting the regular time for such petition to lie over.

On the 13th of October, 1892, to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to meet in special conclave and transact the regular business, they having failed to obtain a quorum at the regular meeting.

On the 13th of December, 1892, to De Molai Commandery, U. D., to appear in public in full uniform as an escort to Oxford Lodge, No. 391, A. F. & A. M., on the 27th of December, the occasion being the public installation of officers of said lodge.

On the 18th of January, 1893, to Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, to hold a special conclave on the 23d of January, to elect and install the officers and attend to any other business which may regularly come before it.

On the 19th of January, 1893, to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to elect a Treasurer at their next meeting, the Treasurer elect having failed to accept the office before installation.

On the 25th of January, 1893, to Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, to hold an election for Junior Warden and to install him in that office at the next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

On the 16th of February, 1893, to St. Johns Commandery, U. D., to ballot on the petitions of five companion Royal Arch Masons for the Templar Order without their having to lie over the usual time.

On the 7th of March, 1893, to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to hold a meeting on the 10th of March for installing the officers and attend to any other business which may regularly come before it.

DECISIONS.

Only one question of interest has been presented for my consideration, namely :

The Grand Recorder being undecided as to his right to use the Seal of the Grand Commandery, asked my opinion, as follows :

Question.—Have I a right to append my name as Grand Recorder and affix the seal of the Grand Commandery to the certificate of a Commandery U. D. ?

Answer.—Yes ; the dispensation granted by the Grand Commander puts the Sir Knight (being one of the petitioners named in the dispensation) in good standing with the fraternity at large, and as such he is entitled to all the rights of membership in a chartered Commandery, except to representation in the Grand Commandery.

ABSENCE.

Finding it necessary to be absent from the State for two months in the summer, I requested our V. E. Deputy Grand Commander to assume the duties of the office of Grand Commander, and issued the following General Order No. 1 :

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
DURHAM, N. C., July 11, 1892 }

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

To all Sir Knights in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Be it known unto you that I shall be absent from the State for the space of two months, viz : from the 15th of July until the 15th of September next ensuing, and that the business pertaining to the office of Grand Commander may not be neglected, I have assigned the duties of that office to my distinguished Frater V. E. Sir Eugene S. Martin, the Deputy Grand Commander, Wilmington, N. C., to whom all letters should be addressed for the time specified.

Your interests, Sir Knights, could not be left in better hands, and I with confidence commend him to your courtesy and kindness.

Yours truly and courteously,

(Signed) JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Official: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder

The Report of the Deputy Grand Commander will contain a succinct account of the transactions during his incumbency of the office. Personally, I thank him for his kindness in undertaking the work. On my return to the State I issued the following General Order No. 2:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
DURHAM, N. C., September 19, 1892. }

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

To all Sir Knights in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina:

Be it known unto you that I have returned from my vacation and am ready to serve you. I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the prospects of our Order in the State and trust we may continue to advance all along the lines in carrying forward the banner of our noble Order.

All communications addressed to this office will have careful attention.

Yours truly and courteously,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

The Grand Commandery having declared itself by resolution in favor of Grand Visitations, and by greater emphasis authorized the payment of the expenses of Grand Officers making such visitations and inspections, I therefore, after consultation with each, issued the following General Order No. 4:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
DURHAM, N. C., Nov. 3rd. 1892. }

General Order No. 4.

The assignments for official visitations for the ensuing Templar year are as follows:

R. E. James Southgate, Grand Commander, Nos. 1, 7 and 10.

V. E. Eugene S. Martin, Deputy Grand Commander, Nos. 2 and 4.

E. Francis M. Moye, Grand Generalissimo, Nos. 3, 9 and 11.

E. Peter A. Wilson, Grand Captain General, Nos. 6 and 8.

E. Alphonso H. Cobb, Grand Senior Warden, No. 5.

The Grand Commander would impress upon Eminent Commanders in this Jurisdiction the importance of being prepared to receive the visiting officers at the time which may be agreed upon for such visitation; and arrange, if there be no actual candidate, to exemplify one or both of the orders, as the visiting officers may request. The Recorder and Treasurer's books must be in order for inspection, that there may be a full and accurate report of the financial condition of each Commandery, as well as their proficiency in the Standard Ritual and Tactics.

By order of

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Official: H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Ill health has prevented my performance of any of these duties, but I am sure some visitations have been made with profit to all concerned, and I trust good reports will be made by the other Grand Officers who have been blessed with health and strength and ample time to attend to this very important part of their duties as officers of the Grand Commandery.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY.

By the death of the Grand Warder, E. Sir J. Q. A. Barham, the office became vacant, and I therefore, on the 9th day of November, issued the following General Order:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
DURHAM, N. C., Nov. 9th, 1892. }

General Order No. 5.

To the Commanderies of Knights Templar of North Carolina:

Owing to the death of Grand Warder E. Sir J. Q. A. Barham, whereby that office is left vacant, I have appointed Rev. W. S. Creasy, of Charlotte Commandery No. 3, as Grand Warder *pro tem.*, to serve in that office until the next Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

It is hereby ordered that the foregoing be read at the head of the lines at the stated Conclave after its reception.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Attest: H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

There seems to be a growing interest in Templarism and it gives me pleasure to note that dispensations have been granted to form new Commanderies which are as camp fires spreading light and knowledge wherever established.

St. John's Commandery, at the city of Newbern, having been formed so near to the last Annual Conclave my predecessor could not issue a dispensation. It was therefore my pleasure, in accordance with instructions given at our last Annual Conclave, to issue on the 4th of July, 1892, a dispensation to a constitutional number of Sir Knights to establish St. John's Commandery U. D. to be located in the city of Newbern, naming Sir Knight J. H. Hackberrn Eminent Commander; Sir Knight Ferdinand Ulrich, Generalissimo; Sir Knight Hugh J. Lovick, Captain General.

From the report of our E. Grand Generalissimo you will doubtless hear that this Commandery has entered upon a career of usefulness and will soon be enrolled among the brightest and best of our number.

On the 4th of October, 1892, I issued a dispensation to a constitutional number of Sir Knights to establish De Molai Commandery U. D., to be located in the town of Oxford, N. C., naming Sir Knight W. J. Boykin to be the first Eminent Commander; Sir Knight B. S. Royster to be the first Generalissimo; Sir Knight C. J. Gregory to be the first Captain General.

This Commandery has also done good work and has bright prospects for future usefulness.

FEES FOR CHARTER MEMBERS.

It has been a custom of long standing for a reduction to be made in the fees for the Orders to those making application for a dispensation

The By Laws of the Grand Commandery makes \$20 00 the minimum fee.

I am not so sure that custom makes right in all cases, and that those Sir Knights forming Commanderies may not be held responsible for a violation of the By-Laws it may be well to amend it by making exceptions of Charter Members and allow such to receive the Order for a nominal fee of say \$10 00, if not in violation of the law of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT AT DENVER.

It was with much regret I was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the triennial Conclave at Denver. I did not feel equal to the trip of so great distance, and being assured that several distinguished Sir Knights would be present to represent this Grand Commandery I was confident that all would be well.

You will note from the published proceedings that Sir Knights M. D. Bailey, P. A. Wilson, Jr., Past Grand Commanders Eugene Grissom and Carl A. Woodruff were in attendance.

For the information of those who have not had opportunity of examining the proceedings I will state that the Uniform Ritual was at last agreed upon and adopted. From a recent conversation with the General Grand Recorder, Sir William B. Isaacs, I was told that the Ritual might be expected by the middle or last of June. The delay has caused great inconvenience to all of us, but it has been unavoidable.

I hereby acknowledge with thanks a letter from R. E. Sir Knight Carl A. Woodruff, giving in advance of their publication the chief transactions of the Grand Conclave. Such kind attentions are highly appreciated and evince an interest in the general welfare of Templarism worthy of commendation.

UNIFORM.

You were pleased at the last Grand Conclave of this Grand Commandery to pass a resolution to dispense with gauntlets as a part of the uniform. Great dissatisfaction seems to exist in some of the Subordinate Commanderies at this action of the Grand Commandery, and I recommend that their grievances be submitted to a special committee to consider the matter and report at this meeting.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

While the matter of Uniform is under the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Commanderies, yet I interpret the action of the Grand Encampment touching the Straps to be worn by the officers of the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to be obligatory, and from this there can be no appeal. For information I insert the resolution on this subject:

SHOULDER STRAPS.

McGown, of New York—Amend the Edict of 1862, in regard to the insignia of rank of officers, so it shall read:

For the officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery—except Past Grand Commanders—BRIGHT RED silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold a quarter of an inch wide, the Templar's Cross of Gold, with the initials of the office respectively, to be embroidered [Old English Characters] in silver on the lower end of the strap. For Past Grand Commanders, the same as above, except that the color of the shoulder straps shall be Royal Purple, and the lettering omitted.

For the Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery emerald green silk velvet one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold a quarter of an inch wide—the Passion Cross, with a halo embroidered of silver in the centre. For a Past Commander the same as for Commanders, except that the color of the strap shall be bright red

Courteously,

WM. B. ISAACS,
Grand Recorder.

It may be well that you instruct the Grand Treasurer to provide such Straps for the Grand Officers as may be needed to comply with the above regulation.

CONCLUSION.

Thus have been enumerated in as succinct form as possible the various transactions in the office of the Grand Commander for the year now closing.

I have come short of duty, but to the best of my ability, and with a sincere desire to promote the welfare of our Order, have the obligations enjoined upon me been discharged.

The emblems of authority you so kindly placed in my hands are now returned to you, with the hope that my successor may bring more zeal and efficiency to the office in the promotion of Templarism in North Carolina.

Nothing but the most courteous consideration has been received at the hands of my colleagues in office, and especially are thanks due to the Grand Recorder, who has at all times cheerfully and promptly rendered aid when called upon.

And now, in conclusion, may the deliberations of the Grand Commandery, began in such kind and fraternal spirit, be conducted with an eye to the glory, perpetuity and welfare of our magnanimous Order, and may the blessings of a beneficent providence rest and abide with us evermore.

Courteously and fraternally,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Sir Knight A. H. Cobb, Grand Senior Warden, submitted his report as follows :

ASHEVILLE N. C., April 28th, 1893.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*

Knights Templar of North Carolina, Durham, N. C. :

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—In conformity with your General Order No. 5, assigning to me the inspection of No. 5, I notified the Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery, Asheville, N. C., and the evening of April 27th, 1895, was set apart for that purpose.

The Commandery was opened in form, the officers being present and at their stations. Your general order was read, and, at my request, no candidate being present, a Council of Knights of the Red Cross was opened and the work exemplified upon one of the Sir Knights present.

Necessarily, the duty of reporting upon one's own Commandery must be one of difficulty, because we must restrain the natural tendency to give praise, even though it be merited. With this fact in view I endeavored to be consistent and judge of its ability as a working body without sentiment, and it becomes my pleasant duty to report that the efficient rendering of the work by all of the officers is most marked; that of two or three of them particularly so. Eminent Commander Randolph presides with much grace and dignity and with great accuracy, and is cheerfully supported by an active and willing set of officers.

The work in this Commandery has not been as active this past year as the members would have wished, probably owing to the financial depression in business circles. Notwithstanding this, the regular meetings have been well attended. The members, with four or five exceptions, are fully uniformed, and the Asylum and Armory are in excellent condition; the latter especially so as to order and neatness. With full and complete

working paraphernalia, with debts all paid, including dues to this Grand Body, the Commandery has in its treasury \$56.39, with about \$150 outstanding dues, all collectable.

The books of the Treasurer and Recorder, which I examined, were found to be neatly and accurately kept, and might well serve as models to some less orderly and correct.

In the Ritual, the work of this body has already been sufficiently referred to; but in drill, they have but a fair knowledge of movements and formations, owing to the difficulty in getting enough members together at one and the same time, yet they are sufficiently proficient to make an orderly and creditable display.

Last, but not least, in a report concerning the efficiency of a body founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, is the duty which devolves upon this Commandery (probably more than upon any other within the State) in caring for the sick and deceased fraters of sister Jurisdictions. many of whom, alas, seek this genial climate too late to effect a restoration to health. And it is with a source of pleasure, and I hope a pardonable pride as a member, that I touch upon this portion of the work; for in this respect this Commandery has never lost its zeal and fidelity. Often, upon very short notice, they are called together to act as an escort to the remains of some deceased frater, or frater's near relation; and, while in the latter case only as citizens, yet in heart with full sympathy as Templars. Considering this not the least—this duty of fraternal Christian aid and sympathy—I feel it my duty to commend the cheerful and ready compliance of the members of this Commandery, for it is but an evidence that the truths of the Christian religion as budded within the walls of the Asylum are carried thence to blossom and shed their fragrance upon the lives of others, thus veritably binding up the wounds of the afflicted and inculcating the duties of charity and hospitality.

I am, Right Eminent Sir,

Courteously and obediently,

A. H. COBB,

Grand Senior Warden of North Carolina.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report recommending that a charter be granted St. John's Commandery, No. 10, of Newbern, and to DeMolai Commandery, No. 11, Oxford.

H. I. CLARK,
W. H. APPLEWHITE,
M. D. BAILEY,

Adopted.

Committee.

On motion of Sir W. F. Randolph all Sir Knights in the city in good standing in their respective Commanderies were accorded seats in this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

I have the honor of submitting the following report of the duties of my office:

June 2, 1892. Distributed circulars of elected Grand Officers.

June 12, 1892. Issued General Order No. 1 of Grand Commander, notifying officials of absence from the State.

June 18, 1892. Distributed proceedings of Grand Commandery.

Sept. 20, 1892. Issued General order No. 2 of Grand Commander, giving official notice of return to the State

Oct. 29, 1892. Issued General Order No. 3 of Grand Commander, announcing the death of Sir J. Q. A. Barham, Grand Warder.

Nov. 7, 1892. Issued General Order No. 4 of Grand Commander, assigning duties to Grand Officers.

Nov. 9, 1892. Issued General Order No. 5 of Grand Commander, appointing Sir and Rev. W. S. Creasy Grand Warder.

Nov. 26, 1892. Issued General Order No. 6 of Grand Commander, announcing death of Past Grand Commander Donald W. Bain.

March 2, 1892. Distributed blanks to Subordinate Commanderies

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Commissions have been issued to the following Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies:

Oct.	28, 1892—Ohio	Wm T. McLean, P. C....	Sidney.
Nov.	19, 1892—Iowa	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines.
	21, 1892—Maine.....	Edmund McMurdie	Augusta.
	—Georgia	James L. Fleming.....	Augusta.
	23, 1892—West Virginia...	W. H. Travis.....	Wheeling.
	25, 1892—Connecticut	James H. Welsh	Danbury.
	26, 1892—Nebraska.....	W. K. Williams	York.
Dec.	15, 1892—Maryland	Jas. F. Hindes.....	Baltimore.
	20, 1892—Minnesota	Chas McMillan.....	Duluth.
	21, 1892—Tennessee	W. C. Smith.....	Nashville.
Jan.	3, 1893—New York.....	O. C. Barker.....	Batavia.
	5, 1893—Alabama	Edward Gilfillan.....	New Tuscombua.
Feb.	4, 1893—South Dakota...	H. S. Murphy.....	Elkton.
	13, 1893—Wyoming	Perry L. Smith	Rawlins.
	23, 1893—North Dakota...	Jno. D. Black.....	Valley City.
April	3, 1893—Texas	Daniel S. Malvern	Austin.

Commissions have been received and forwarded to the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives of other Grand Bodies near our own:

Oct.	28, 1892—Maine.....	John A. Porter.....	Asheville.
Nov.	7, 1892—Ohio.....	J. J. Thornton.....	Greensboro.
	23, 1892—West Virginia ..	Wm. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
	25, 1892—Connecticut.....	Geo. W. Blount	Wilson.
	26, 1892—Nebraska ..	A. H. Cobb	Asheville.
Dec	9, 1892—Illinois	J. S. Carr	Durham.
	9, 1892—Maryland ..	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
	20, 1892—Minnesota	F. M. Moyer.....	Moyton.
	21, 1892—Tennessee	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.
	27, 1892—Kansas	Wm. Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Jan.	3, 1893—New York.....	Horace H. Munson.....	Wilmington.
	11, 1893—Vermont	Chas. J. Austin.....	Tarboro.
	16, 1893—Alabama.....	Rev. Geo. H. Bell.....	Bell.
Feb.	14, 1893—Georgia	E. M. Nadal	Wilson.
	—Iowa	F. S. Martin	Wilmington.
March	27, 1893—North Dakota ..	J. H. Hackburn.....	Newbern.
April	3, 1893—Wyoming	W. A. Withers.....	Raleigh.
	12, 1893—Texas	M. Bowes.....	Raleigh.

The following amounts have been received:

1892.

Sept. 26. Commandery U. D. Oxford, for dispensation.....\$ 90 00

1893.

April	1.	Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, dues.....	60 00
	13.	Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, dues.....	46 00
	29.	Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, dues.....	43 00
May	9.	Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, dues	44 00
		Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, dues.....	24 00
		Durham Commandery, No. 3, dues.....	29 00
		Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, dues	28 00
		Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, dues.	51 00

Total\$325 00

Which has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

Proceedings of the following Fraternal Bodies for 1892 have been received and distributed as usual:

Alabama,
Arkansas,
Connecticut,
California,

Maryland,
Nebraska, and '93,
New Jersey,
New Hampshire.

Colorado, and '93,	North Dakota,
Canada,	New York,
Georgia,	Ohio,
Iowa,	Oregon,
Illinois,	Pennsylvania,
Indiana,	South Dakota,
Kansas,	Tennessee,
Kentucky,	Texas and '93,
Louisiana,	Vermont,
Michigan,	Virginia,
Mississippi,	Wyoming,
Minnesota,	West Virginia,
Maine,	Washington,
Montana,	Wisconsin.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island,	

Circulars giving notice of Fraternal Dead received from time to time have been forwarded to the Grand Commander.

I again urge upon Recorders the necessity of a prompt return of officers installed, particularly of Eminent Commander and Recorder, in order to expedite official correspondence.

Courteously submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

I submit herewith my annual report for the Templar year ending July 1st, 1893, and congratulate the Grand Commandery on the healthy condition of its treasury. All the indebtedness of the Grand Commandery has been paid, and we have a balance of more than five hundred dollars in the treasury.

Courteously submitted,

WM. SIMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1892.

DR.

July 1.	To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$364 00
Sept. 29.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	90 00
1893.		
April 22.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	106 00
May 5.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	43 00
10.	.....	125 00
15.	.....	51 00—\$779 00

1892.		CR.		
July	14.	By cash paid	F. M. Moye, G. C. G...	\$ 19 90
	15.	" " "	Jackson & Bell.....	72 50
Dec.	12.	" " "	Grand Recorder's office expenses.	45 28
1893.				
March	6.	By cash paid	E. S. Martin, D. G. C.....	10 00
April	24.	" " "	Jackson & Bell.....	17 69
May	12.	" " "	James Southgate, G. C. expenses.	17 50
	12.	" " "	Wm. Simpson, Grand Treasurer...	7 00
	12.	" " "	H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	50 00
	15.	" " "	R. H. Bradley, Gr. Sentinel.....	10 45
	15.	" " "	H. I. Clark Gr. Jr. Warden.....	5 00
		" " "	on hand.....	523 68—\$779 00

REPORT OF THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

R. E. JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Grand Commander,*

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina :

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—I have the honor to submit the following written report of all the official duties performed by me as Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery the past Templar year.

I regret that owing to pressing engagements and the near approach of the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery I have been unable to exercise that care in its preparation I desired to do, which a longer time and more favorable conditions would have permitted.

Having obtained on proper application a special dispensation from Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Eugene S. Martin, acting Grand Commander, I visited Oxford, in the county of Granville, September 20th, 1892. where by virtue of said lawful warrant I formed and opened a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number," and communicated the Orders of Knighthood to seventeen Royal Arch Masons, the purpose being to organize a new Commandery at that place.

It affords me much pleasure to say that I was ably assisted in this important work by Eminent Sirs R. H. Bradley, Grand Sentinel, and J. W. Cotten, Commander of St. George Commandery, No. 9, as two of the "Indispensable Number," a full report of which, in conformity to the requirements of said dispensation, I had the honor to submit to you at the time.

The following intelligent Sir Knights were also present and kindly rendered valuable aid in many parts of the very interesting proceedings: W. H. Applewhite and E. C. Exum, Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7; Prof. M. C. S. Noble, Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1; Prof. W. A. Withers, Commander, W. H. Bain and T. W. Blake, Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.

In obedience to your command I paid an official visit to this new Commandery April 14th, the Commander, Eminent Sir W. J. Boykin, having at my request kindly called a special Conclave for the purpose.

I was charmed and delighted to note the rapid progress made by these Sir Knights in the short period of six months they had been under dispensation

While it is not my purpose to indulge in fulsome praise, candor compels me to say that it is with difficulty I find suitable words to express my high admiration of the zeal displayed by the gallant Knights of DeMolai Commandery.

Although the youngest on the roll they have already a membership of more than twenty, and are in every respect fully equipped for the noble and glorious warfare upon which they have entered.

Having drawn their swords in a just and virtuous cause, may their beautiful banner never trail in the dust of defeat, but in triumph proudly wave over the dismantled strongholds of injustice and oppression wherever found. It was with much reluctance I bid adieu to the noble fraters at Oxford on the morning of April 15th, after a delightful Conclave the previous evening, when it was my pleasant duty to render such instruction as was most needful.

As the representative of the Grand Commandery I shall ever be deeply grateful for the very flattering reception extended me.

Having informed Eminent Sir J. W. Cotten, Commander, of my intentions, I visited officially St. George Commandery, No. 9, Tarboro, at a regular Conclave held Monday evening April 3.

Through the courtesy of Sir Cotten I had the honor to preside and open the Commandery with full ceremony, there being just a quorum of the members present. I then proceeded, at the request of the Sir Knights, to instruct them on certain important points in the opening and closing ceremonies and work of conferring the Orders.

The membership of this Commandery, which I think was originally twelve, has, I regret to say, virtually been reduced to ten, from the fact that two of the number are no longer residents of Tarboro, having removed quite a distance away.

While it is unsurpassed for intelligence, loyalty to the principles of the Order, and for Knightly honor and gallantry, the membership unfortunately is at present uncomfortably small for the best interests of the Commandery, and is thereby deprived of the enlarged usefulness it would otherwise enjoy.

Circumstances beyond their control have prevented, I am sorry to state, any accessions to their ranks since the organization of the Commandery in February, 1892, but it is gratifying to announce that the future prospect is growing brighter and the outlook more cheerful.

Having pledged their allegiance to principles dearer than life itself their undoubted valor will yet contribute to many victories for the cause of Christian Knighthood, and they will ere long attain to merited prominence in the great contest against the enemies of truth, of justice and of right.

I shall long cherish a fond remembrance of the very considerate and courteous treatment I received at their hands.

Eminent Sir W. L. Wall, Commander of Durham Commandery, No. 3, having named April 13th as a favorable date for my visit, and so instructed me by telegram, I made it convenient to be present at that time.

A few Sir Knights assembled at the Asylum and extended me a hearty welcome and cordial greeting, but to my great surprise and evident deep regret and mortification of Sir Wall, it was found impossible, after diligent effort, to secure a quorum, and consequently no Conclave was held.

Sir Wall exhausted every means in his power to prevent the unexpected disappointment to which all present were subjected. He did his full duty, and did it nobly, but all to no purpose.

However much I may regret that the object of my visit was not accomplished, and that I did not have the pleasure of meeting a larger number of the Sir Knights of this Commandery, I have no words of censure or criticism for the clever fraters at Durham.

Should it be my good fortune at some future time to renew my visit I trust their business and other engagements will be less exacting and that my stay among them will be as agreeable and profitable for them as I am sure it will be pleasant for me.

With no intention of reflecting on any Sir Knight, but in all sincerity and kindness, I wish in this connection to say that as Masons we can accomplish nothing worth doing without making some sacrifice of personal interest.

The zealous and loyal Craftsman, and all true lovers of our noble art, have learned that the sublime principles of Templar Masonry can only be upheld and promulgated by such sacrifices on their part. We should occasionally at least willingly lay aside other cares and interests for the good of the noble cause we profess to love so well. If attending the meetings of our Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies depended on our having nothing else to do how many of us would ever be present on these pleasant and interesting occasions?

Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, having been first assigned by you to Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir E. S. Martin for official visitation, he found it impossible owing to imperative business matters to perform that duty in time for the meeting of the Grand Commandery.

In response to his earnest request, and by your order, each contained in courteous communications, which I had the honor to receive, it was my pleasure to be present at a special Conclave of that Commandery called by Eminent Sir W. A. Withers, Commander, to receive me April 26th.

To those who have seen their large and beautiful Asylum, inspected the handsome paraphernalia and observed the excellent arrangements for working the Orders, Raleigh Commandery needs no words of praise or commendation at my hands.

This Commandery reflects credit on the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and is an honor to Templar Masoury in this Jurisdiction.

The occasion was a most delightful one, and I shall not soon forget the warm and complimentary reception accorded me. The lines when formed for inspection presented an imposing appearance, there being fifteen or more present all wearing full uniform.

The opening and closing ceremonies disclosed unusual proficiency on the part of the officers and Sir Knights, and judging from the lively interest manifested and large number of questions propounded, they are determined to acquire a thorough knowledge of the beautiful work of the Order.

I refer with pleasure to the record of this Commandery the past year. It is one in every way highly creditable and satisfactory and is probably not equaled by any other in the State.

The number of regular and special Conclaves held would average at least one every month, the attendance being from twelve to fifteen. All dues were paid in full to close of fiscal year, and with funds in the treasury it is gratifying to know there is no indebtedness to meet.

After an evening of social and Knightly intercourse long to be remembered the Commandery was closed and all repaired to an adjoining apartment, where a sumptuous banquet was spread, to which full justice was done.

Having been detained to quite a late hour the parting word with many regrets was at last spoken and all dispersed.

For the good of the Commandery I am indeed sorry that our accomplished frater, Sir E. S. Martin, was unable to make this visitation.

His superior Masonic attainments renders him invaluable at all times as a safe guide and wise instructor.

In February last I accepted a very kind and flattering invitation extended by Eminent Sir J. H. Hackburn, Commander, to visit St. John's Commandery, Newbern, which I did on the 20th of that month, and had the pleasure of conferring the Orders of Knighthood on five Royal Arch Masons. This was not an official visit and therefore does not properly belong to this report. No allusion would have been made to it but for the fact that I inferred from a recent communication I had the honor to receive from you that it was your wish I should do so, inasmuch as having intended to make this visitation yourself, you were by sickness deprived of that pleasure.

While I do not wish to disguise the fact that I have a special fondness and admiration for the clever and chivalrous Sir Knights of Newbern, I deem it entirely unnecessary in my allusions to them to enter upon any extended words of commendation. They do not need it, and I could not do the subject justice. Any attempt in that direction would only result in utter fail-

ure. Suffice it to say that they are everything the Grand Commandery can desire, and have an exceedingly bright future before them.

With a wide-awake and steadily increasing membership her older sisters must look well to their laurels if they would not see this young Commandery forge to the front and become the pride of Templar Masoury in North Carolina.

With the hope that the official acts herein recited have been performed in a manner that will receive your Knightly approbation, and that the same may in some measure redound to the honour and good of the valiant and magnanimous Order of Christian Knighthood, this report is

Courteously submitted,

F. M. MOYE,

Grand Generalissimo.

The following telegram was received from Peter A. Wilson, Grand Captain General:

WINSTON, N. C., May 11th, 1893.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Owing to sickness I cannot attend the Grand Conclave. Tender my regrets and fraternal regards to the members of the Grand Commandery

PETER A. WILSON.

The V. E. Deputy Commander not being present the Grand Recorder submitted his report:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

I have the honor to report my official acts during the past Templar year

On July 13th, 1893, I received a letter from the R. E. Grand Commander stating that he would be absent from the State for two months and an order directing me to take command and perform the duties of his office during his absence.

August 24th, 1893, upon application of E. Sir F. M. Moyer, Grand Generalissimo, I granted a dispensation to him as a member of Mt Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, E. Sir R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, and E. Sir J. W. Cotten, of St. George Commandery No. 9, to form and open a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" in the city of Oxford, N. C., to confer the Orders of Knighthood on such Royal Arch Masons as are or may be considered worthy who propose organizing a Commandery in said city, and directed them to make due report of their action thereunder. I am informed that due report was made to the R. E. Grand Commander after his return to the State, which will doubtless appear in his report.

August 26th, 1892, application from Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, at Asheville, for a dispensation to appear in Templar Uniforms at a promenade concert at "Kenilworth Inn," which was refused on the ground that it was not deemed a Masonic occasion.

September 16th, 1892. Received notice from the R. E. Grand Commander that he had returned to the State and assumed command.

February 7th, 1893, by direction of the R. E. Grand Commander, I officially visited and inspected Mount Lebanon Commandery, No 7, at Wilson, N. C., and installed the officers. I am pleased to report this Commandery in excellent condition in every particular and in every way entitled to high rank for efficiency, and the courteous and genial welcome extended me personally and officially was very gratifying. Due report of the above official acts have been made to the R. E. Grand Commander.

Finding it impossible to attend the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Denver Col., August 9th, 1892, I appointed E. Sir Peter A. Wilson, Jr., Grand Captain General, my proxy to represent me in that body. His report will show what was there done.

I regret to state that owing to ill health and business I have been unable to officially visit other commanderies assigned to me by the R. E. Grand Commander for that purpose.

Courteously submitted,

E. S. MARTIN,

Deputy Grand Commander

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 8th, 1893.

On motion above report was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Commandery adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment, officers in their stations. The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The following Grand Representatives present were accorded fraternal welcome.

Indiana.....	James Southgate.
Kansas	William Simpson.
Maryland	William F. Randolph.
North Dakota.....	Joseph H. Hackburn.
Nebraska	Alphonso H. Cobb.
New York	Horace H. Munson.
South Dakota.....	Charles J. Austin.
Washington.....	John C. Chase.
Wyoming.....	William A. Withers.

The report of the Grand Representative, Sir Knight W. K. Williams, near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, was read,

also the communications of Past Grand Master John P. S. Gobin and the present Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy.

Sir A. H. Cobb, from Committee on Grand Commander's Address, submitted the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander have examined the same and make the following report:

That the part of the address which relates to the Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology That so much as relates to decisions, dispensations, recommendations and fees for charter members be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In relation to charters, would recommend that a charter be granted St. George, of Newbern, and DeMolai, of Oxford.

In the matter of cuffs or gauntlets as a part of the uniform, which matter this Grand Body saw fit to abolish at its Conclave of 1892, we would respectfully recommend that it be referred to a special committee of three, as suggested by the Grand Commander.

In relation to the suggestion that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to supply the officers of the Grand Body with the regulation shoulder straps we would say that in our opinion such action should be taken that they may conform strictly to existing laws.

In relation to reports of remaining Grand Officers we recommend that they be incorporated in the proceedings.

Courteously submitted,

A. H. COBB,
JOHN W. COTTEN,
D. P. MAST,

Committee.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that nothing for their action had come before them.

M. D. BAILEY,
C. J. AUSTIN,
J. H. HACKBURN,

Committee.

Adopted.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights F. Ulrich, H. I. Clark and W. H. Bain a special committee on that part of the report of the Committee on Grand Commander's address relating to a resolution of our last annual Conclave regarding the disuse of Cuffs and Gauntlets, whose report is as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address relating to abolishing the use of Cuffs and Gauntlets report

recommending that they be restored to use, and respectfully ask that a full and free discussion be had before the adoption or rejection of this report.

H. I. CLARK,

W. H. BAIN,

F. ULRICH,

Committee.

After discussion the report, on motion of Sir Knight Lampman, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find them correct. We recommend that Article II, Section 39 be amended by striking out "For every companion created a Knight Templar in a Commandery in this Jurisdiction \$2.00. We recommend that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be set aside from the surplus funds in the Treasury for procuring headquarters for the Grand Commandery at the Triennial Conclave to be held in Boston, Mass., in 1895.

J. D. BULLOCK,

W. J. RANDOLPH,

GEO. I. STUDDERT,

Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business report as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they heartily approve of the resolution of Sir Knight Lampman, offered at the annual Conclave of 1892 and laid over under the rules, in regard to incidental expenses of Grand Officers and Grand Recorder's salary and recommend that it be adopted. No other business appears.

J. H. HACKBURN,

W. J. LONG,

H. J. LOVICK,

Committee

[NOTE—Pays the expenses of Grand Commander, Treasurer, Recorder and sentinel and fixes the salary of Recorder at fifty dollars per year.]

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address relating to dispensations, decisions, fees of charter members and recommendations have considered the same and beg leave to submit the following report: We concur in the decisions made by the Grand

Commander and believe the dispensations were issued in accordance with the law and the powers of the Grand Commander. We can find no law whatever authorizing Subordinate Commanderies to charge a less fee for the order of Knighthood than that fixed by the Grand Encampment, which is twenty dollars, and we do not think that charter members can be made an exception under that law according to the strict letter of the same.

D. P. MAST,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. COTTEN,
Committee.

The committee on place and time for holding the next annual Conclave report recommending Charlotte as the place and the second Tuesday in May, 1894, at 8 o'clock P. M., as the time.

GEO. LAMPMAN,
G. W. MEREDITH,
F. ULRICH,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the direction of Sir Knights J. D. Bullock and W. H. Bain, resulting as follows :

FRANCIS M. MOYE Moyton R. E. Grand Commander.
ALPHONSO H. COBB..... Asheville..... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
PETER A. WILSON..... Winston..... E. Grand Generalissimo.
JOHN C. CHASE..... Wilmington E. Grand Captain General.
WALTER S. CREASY Charlotte..... E. Grand Prelate.
GEO. LAMPMAN..... Greensboro..... E. Grand Senior Warden.
HENRY I. CLARK..... Hamilton.... E. Grand Junior Warden
WILLIAM SIMPSON..... Raleigh E. Grand Treasurer
HORACE H. MUNSON..... Wilmington E. Grand Recorder.

The Deputy Grand Commander appointed the following :

WILLIAM A. WITHERS..... Raleigh..... E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN..... Newbern E. Grand Sword Bearer.
WM. J. LONG..... Oxford..... E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY..... Raleigh..... E. Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment, officers in their stations. The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

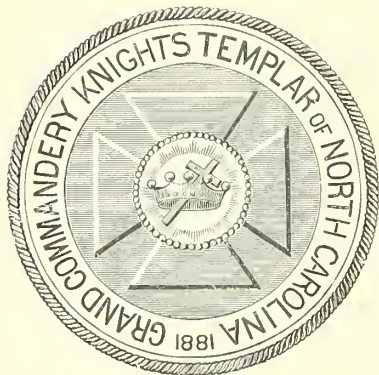
The Grand Officers were duly installed by Grand Commander James Southgate, assisted by J. D. Bullock, Grand Marshal, except F. M. Moye, Grand Commander-elect, P. A. Wilson, Grand Generalissimo-elect, and Grand Prelate-elect W. S. Creasy, who were subsequently installed.

The Committee on Necrology were granted permission to make up their report and send the Grand Recorder to be printed in the proceedings.

Sir Knight John C. Chase, E. Grand Captain General, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery be tendered to Grand Commander James Southgate for the courteous and knightly manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. Adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we are under obligations duly appreciated to the Pamlico Club for courtesies rendered, to the railroads and hotels for reduced rates. Unanimously adopted.



No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Commandery closed in ample and Knightly form.

✠ JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Commander.

Attest :

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE.—The Banquet. How shall we describe the richness of the feast? Scattered here and there were many tables that groaned with the delicacies of the season (and before morning we groaned also.) The sea had been called upon to furnish its quoto for tickling the palate. The land had been

laid under contribution to furnish its many excellencies, and the skill of woman called into exercise to crown the festal board. No music filled the air with sweet strains but the strain upon the girth soon warned us that the inner man rebelled against further admission within its domain. The *Southgate* opened and shut with increasing rapidity, but we paid little attention to its unwonted activity. *Cotten* crept up several points and dropped again with alarming velocity. The *Storm* at night was fearful, but with our *Lampman* to light the way and *Chase* away its gloom we gained the friendly shelter of our hotel and smoked our *Cobb* pipe in peace. Selah!

RETURNS

OF

Subordinate Commanderies.

FOR THE YEAR 1892.



PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.
Time of stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John C. Chase.....	Eminent Commander.
Whitfield P. Toomer.....	Generalissimo.
Richard H. Grant	Captain General.
George Z. French.....	Prelate.
James C. Munds.....	Treasurer.
Marcus C. S. Noble	Recorder.
James W. Monroe	Senior Warden.
.....	Junior Warden.
Sammel G. Hall.....	Standard Bearer.
Edward P. Bailey.....	Sword Bearer.
Walter E. Storm.....	Warder.
Thomas H. Johnson.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, W. W., P. G. C.	Knowles, F. M.	Pritchard, T. H.
Boatwright, E. P.	Lodor, J. C.	Richards, E.
Chadbonrn, Jr., J. H.	Latimer, E. S.	Robinson, U. M.
Chadbourn, W. H., P. E. C.	Martin, E. S., P. E. C.	Scott, A. L.
Comfort, C. I.	McKethan, D. T.	Smallbones, H. G.
Daniel, J. H.	McEachern, D.	Smith, W. J.
Forshee, J. M.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.	Willard, M. S.
Harriss, Geo.	Morton, G. L.	Williams, W. A.
Jackson, J. W.	Patrick, M. M.	Williams, D. M.
Jones, W. C.	Price, R. W.	Wynne, H. E.
Kenan, W. R., P. E. C.		

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, No. 2, CHARLOTTE

Time of stated Conclave: Second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month.

OFFICERS

Walter S. Liddell.....	Eminent Commander.
Robert E. McDonald.....	Generalissimo.
Earnest F. Young	Captain General.
F. O. S. Curtis.....	Prelate.
John W. Wadsworth.....	Treasurer.
Jonathan C. Carpenter.....	Recorder.
William Anderson.....	Senior Warden.
Dewit E. Allen	Junior Warden.
Henry G. Springs.....	Standard Bearer.
S. Harrison Hilton.....	Sword Bearer.
David G. Maxwell.....	Warder.
William N. Prather.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

McAden, John H.	Hopkins, Charles L.	Creasy, Walter S.
King, George H.	Davis, Bertram Swift	Summerset, William B.
Boyne, James S.	Merideth, George	Worrell, William M.
Eccles, Henry C.	Belk, John M.	Quinn, M. Clipard.
Smith, William M.	Belk, W. Henry.	Owens, William W.
Brenizer, Adison G.	Helms, Jefferson D.	Fitzgerald, William H.
Lipscomb, Conrad F.		

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave: First Tuesday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

William L. Wall.....	Eminent Commander.
James Gattis	Generalissimo.
John F. Freeland.....	Captain General.
Franklin A. Bishop.....	Prelate.
William A. Slater.....	Treasurer.
James Southgate	Recorder.
Charles C. Taylor	Senior Warden.
William A. Albright.....	Junior Warden.
William R. Israel.....	Standard Bearer.
James W. Blackwell	Sword Bearer.
McHenry Jones	Warder.
William P. Rollins.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Atkisson, Louis A.	Johnson, Norman M.	Parrish, Edward J.
Bass, Herbert J.	Leary, S. Linton	Walker, Bernice.
Battle, Lee W.	Lee, John W.	Wilbon, John D.
Blackwell, William T.	Markham, John L.	Yates, Edward A.
Carr, Julian S.	Nichols, John.	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. A. Withers	Eminent Commander.
John W. Thompson.....	Generalissimo.
W. H. Bain.....	Captain General.
William Simpson, P. C	Prelate.
H. B. Greason	Treasurer.
John C. Drewry	Recorder.
M. Bowes, P. C.....	Senior Warden.
E. C. Potter.....	Junior Warden.
W. R. Blake.....	Standard Bearer.
D. L. Adams.....	Sword Bearer.
Thomas Badger.....	Warder.
R. H. Bradley.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allcott, Wayne.	Hamilton, D. S.	Sexton, James A.
Andrews, A. B.	Harrell, E. G.	Snow, George H.
Blake, T. W.	Harvey, L.	Uzzell, E. M.
Brewster, J. C.	Hawkins, M. J.	Wait, D. S.
Busbee, F. H.	Heartt, Leo D.	Wallen, Charles.
Cowan, H. M.	Hicks, W. J.	Walters, George N.
Dobson, J. F.	Keogh, Thomas B.	Watson, Fred A.
Edwards, C. B.	Massey, C. F.	Wetherell, W. P.
Faison, W. E.	Mitchell, R. N.	Woodruff, C. A., P. G. C.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

William F. Randolph.....	Eminent Commander.
Arthur J. Wills	Generalissimo.
Eli R. Glenn	Captain General.
Rev. George H. Bell.....	Prelate.
Henry C. Fagg.....	Treasurer.

David F. Herndon	Recorder.
John A. Nichols	Senior Warden,
William L. Shope	Junior Warden.
Clandins H. Miller	Standard Bearer.
William C. Sprinkles	Sword Bearer.
John A. Wagner	Warder.
John H. Burrage	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brookshire, John A.	Gudger, Hezekiah A.	Nelson, Rev. Wm. A.
Brookshire, James M.	Gudger, William J.	Porter, J. A., P. G. C.
Brauk, Joseph	Hilliard, William D.	Porter, Robert R.
Blanton, Charles D.	Hogeman, Otto F.	Reed, Thomas J.
Burroughs, John A.	Howard, John L.	Reed, Mark L.
Brevard John D.	Jacobs, Fred. L., P. E. C.	Robertson, Marcus W.
Carter, John H.	Jarvis, William M.	Smith, James M.
Cocke, Wm. M., Jr.	Lawson, Thomas.	Schortle, John W.
Cortland, John W.	Moore, Charles A.	Tweed, Charles W.
Collins, David K.	Moore, Walter E.	Vance, Robert B.
Cobb, Alphonso H., P. E. C.	McCoy, Thomas C.	Wheeler, Ozmer B., Jr.
Dickerson, Joseph E.	Martin, James G.	Weeks, Francis M.
Fullenwider, Edwin H.	McCarty, Charles C.	Whitaker, Charles A.
Gudger, James M.		

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Peter A. Wilson	Eminent Commander.
Muntford D. Bailey	Generalissimo.
Robert E. Dalton	Captain General.
Robert H. Jones	Prelate.
Fred. G. Schaum	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith	Recorder.
James W. Yerex	Senior Warden,
James K. Norfleet	Junior Warden.
Duncan L. DeVane	Standard Bearer.
Eugene A. Ebert	Sword Bearer.
Jesse C. Bessent	Warder.
Peter W. Dalton	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, S. E.	Hanes, P. H.	Quincey, G. R.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Holder, H. A.	Rich, D.
Bahnsou, H. T., P. E. G.	Hanes, B. F.	Spach, E.
Bahnsou, W. G.	Jones, E. L.	White, Rev. J. N.
Blair, W. A.	Mast, D. P., P. E. C.	White, J. A.
Griffith, J. W.	Nelson, I. H.	Wilson, M. S.
Hunter, J. W., P. E. C.	Price, C. J.	Whitaker, Rev. C. L.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

OFFICERS

J. D. Bullock.....	Eminent Commander.
B. F. Briggs.....	Generalissimo.
W. H. Applewhite.....	Captain General.
F. M. Moye.....	Prelate.
J. D. Wells.....	Treasurer.
George W. Blount	Recorder.
S. C. Wells.....	Senior Warden.
E. C. Exum	Junior Warden.
E. M. Nadal	Standard Bearer.
W. J. Harriss.....	Sword Bearer.
S. M. Warren.....	Warder.
W. P. Snakenburg	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Barnes, Robert S.	Daniel, Adrian N.	Peacock, James K.
Battle, James S.	Daniel, Wiley.	Richardson, W. W.
Briggs, Roscoe G.	Farmer, Wiley W.	Sugg, Turner B.
Clark, James E.	Hargrave, W. W.	Ward, J. M.
Clark, H. I.	Hays, James W.	Ward, Wyatt M.
Cobb, James T.	Lipscombe, James.	

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO

Time of stated Conclave: First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Sidney L. Alderman.....	Eminent Commander.
Herbert H. Cartland.....	Generalissimo.
James D. Glenn.....	Captain General.
John J. Thornton.....	Prelate.
Charles H. Ireland .	Treasurer.
Alfred H. Stubbs	Recorder.
George Lampman .	Senior Warden.
John H. Harris.....	Junior Warden.
Nath L. S. Hall	Standard Bearer.
Jacob E. Kantner.....	Sword Bearer.
Samuel A. Kerr.....	Warder.
John C. Clendenin.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Alderman, Albert H.	Holt, Edwin C.	Newell, Dwight W.
Bastine, Walter E.	Johnson, Calvin C.	Richardson, William R.
Eckel, Charles Eugene.	Jones, Burgess E.	Short, Juan F.
Croome, Pinckney L.	Lindley, John Van.	Stephens, Jesse F.

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, NO. 9, TARBORO.

OFFICERS.

John W. Cotten.....	Eminent Commander.
John R. Pender.....	Generalissimo.
George Howard, Jr.....	Captain General.
H. Irvin Clarke.....	Prelate.
Charles J. Austin.....	Treasurer.
Charles J. Austin.....	Recorder.
James R. Gaskill.....	Senior Warden.
Julian M. Baker.....	Junior Warden.
George B. Wright.....	Standard Bearer.
George Studdert.....	Sword Bearer.
O. Williams, Jr.....	Warder.
E. B. Hartman.....	Sentinel.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1892	KNIGHTED	ADMITTED	DIMITTED	DIED.	MEMBERS 1893.
Plantagenet.....	1	Wilmington	42	2	.....	1	1	42
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte.....	19	10	2	.....	.....	31
Durham.....	3	Durham	23	3	.....	.....	.....	26
Raleigh	4	Raleigh	39	4	1	4	1	39
Cyrene	5	Asheville	50	4	.....	1	1	52
Piedmont	6	Winston	28	6	.....	.....	2	32
Mount Lebanon.....	7	Wilson.....	31	.....	.....	3	.....	28
Ivanhoe	8	Greensboro	25	.....	.....	1	.....	24
St. George.....	9	Tarboro	12	.....	.....	1	.....	11
St. John	10	Newbern.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DeMolai	11	Oxford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....		.....	269	29	3	11	5	285

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.



GRAND COMMANDERS.

HORACE H. MUNSON,
CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
JOHN A. PORTER,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
FRANCIS M. MOYE.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.

LEE W. BATTLE,
GEO. H. KING,

EDWARD M. NADAL,
EUGENE S. MARTIN

ALPHONSO H. COBB.

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,

PETER A. WILSON.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL

JULIAN S. CARR,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,

DANIEL G. MAXWELL,
JOHN C. CHASE.

EMINENT COMMANDERS.

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WILLIAM R. KENAN	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JOHN H. MCADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
WALTER S. LIDDELL	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
WILLIAM L. WALL	DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM A. WITHERS.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
F. L. JACOBS.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH	CYRENE, No. 5.
HENRY T. BAHNSEN.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
DANIEL P. MAST.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS.....	MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. BULLOCK.....	MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
NATHANIEL L. S. HALL.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN W. COTTEN.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN.....	ST. JOHNS, No. 10.
WILLIAM J. BOYKIN.....	DEMOLAI, No. 11.

Recorders of Commanderies Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Plantagenet, No. 1	MARCUS C. S. NOBLE	Wilmington.
Charlotte, No. 2	JONATHAN B. CARPENTER.....	Charlotte.
Durham, No. 3.....	JAMES SOUTHGATE	Durham.
Raleigh, No. 4.....	JOHN C. DREWRY	Raleigh.
Cyrene, No. 5.....	DAVID F. HERNDON	Asheville.
Piedmont, No. 6.....	SAMUEL H. SMITH	Winston.
Monnt Lebanon, No. 7....	GEORGE W. BLOUNT.....	Wilson.
Ivanhoe, No. 8	ALFRED H. STUBBS	Greensboro.
St. George, No. 9.....	CHARLES J. AUSTIN.....	Tarboro.
St. John, No. 10.....	E. B. HACKBURN	Newbern.
DeMolai, No. 11.....	J. J. MEDFORD	Oxford.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Grand Encampment..	WILLIAM B. ISAACS	Richmond, Virginia.
Alabama	EDMUND R. HASTINGS...	Montgomery.
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL ...	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	EDWARD C. PARMELEE..	Masonic Temp, Denver.
Connecticut	JOSEPH K. WHEELER	Hartford.
Canada	DANIEL SPRY.....	Barrie, Ontario
England and Wales...	WILLIAM TINKLER	London, W. C.
Georgia	SAMUEL P. HAMILTON ...	Savannah.
Illinois	GILBERT W. BERNARD ...	78 Monroe St., Chicago.
Indiana.....	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	ALFRED WINGATE.....	Des Moines.
Ireland	JOHN A. BAKER.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	DWIGHT BYINGTON.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	LORENZO D. CRONINGER.	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	STEPHEN BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	JOHN H. MILLER.....	Baltimore, Browns whf.
Massachnsetts & R. I..	BENJ. W. ROWELL	Lynn.
Michigan	WILLIAM P. INNES.	Graud Rapids.
Minnesota	THOMAS MONTGOMERY..	St. Paul.
Mississippi	JOHN L. POWELL.....	Jackson.
Missouri	WILLIAM H. MAYO.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	CORNELIUS HEDGES.....	Helena.
Nebraska	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Omaha.

New Hampshire	GEORGE P. CLEAVES.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
New York.....	ROBERT MACOY.....	New York, 319 B'way.
North Carolina.....	HORACE H. MUNSON	Wilmington.
North Dakota	FRANK J. THOMPSON.....	Fargo
Ohio.....	JOHN N. BELL.....	Dayton.
Oregon	JAS. F. ROBINSON.....	Eugene
Pennsylvania.....	CHARLES E MEYER.....	Philadelphia.
South Dakota.....	BRUCE M. ROWLEY.....	Huron.
Scotland	L. MACKERSEY.....	Edinburg.
Tennessee.....	GEORGE C. CONNOR	Chattanooga.
Texas.....	ROBERT BREWSTER	Houston.
Vermont	WARREN G REYNOLDS..	Burlington.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM B ISAACS.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	YANCY C. BLALOCK	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	ROBT. C. DUNNINGTON..	Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	JOHN W. LAFLIN.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	ADRIAN J. PARSHALL	Cheyenne.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED TO THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	FROM NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE
Alabama	Edward W. Gilfillan	New Tuscnmbia.
Arkansas	John L. Sumpter.....	Hot Springs.
California.....	Reuben H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.
Colorado	William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.
Connecticut.....	James H. Welsh	Danbury.
Georgia	James L. Fleming.....	Angusta
Illinois.....	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago
Indiana	William J. Robie.....	Richmond.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines
Kansas	Edward P. Allen.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	George W. Wicks... ..	Louisville
Louisiana	William H. Chaffe	New Orleans.
Maine	Edmund McMurden	Angusta
Maryland.....	Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore.
Massachusetts & R. I	Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls.
Minnesota	Charles McMillen.....	Duluth.
Mississippi	William P. Fowler.....	.....
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
Nebraska	W. K. Williams.....	York
New Hampshire.....	Don. H. Woodward	Keene.
New Jersey.....	Joseph D. Congdon	Paterson.
New York	Orren C. Parker	Batavia.
North Dakota.....	John D. Smith.....	Valley City.
Ohio	William T. McLeon.....	Sidney.
Oregon	Frank B. Dunn	Engene City
Pennsylvania.....	William J. Dickson	Philadelphia.
South Dakota.....	Hugh S. Murphy	Elkton.
Tennessee.....	W. C. Smith.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Daniel S. Malvern	Austin.
Vermont	William H. Vinton	Brattleboro.
Virginia	Elbert C. Walthall.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	W. H. Travis.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	George C. Teall.....	Eau Claire.
Washington	James P. DeMattos.....	Whatcover.
Wyoming.....	Perry L. Smith.....	Rawlius.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED BY THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Alabama	Rev Geo. H. Bell.....	Bell.
Arkansas.....	H. T. Bahnson.....	Salem.
California	S. H. Smith.....	Winston.
Colorado.....	James D. Glenn.....	Greensboro.
Connecticut	George W. Blount.....	Wilson.
Georgia.....	E. M. Nadal.. ..	Wilson.
Illinois.....	Julian S. Carr.....	Durham.
Indiana	James Southgate.....	Durham.
Iowa.....	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.
Kansas	William Simpson	Raleigh.
Kentucky	A. G. Brenizer.....	Charlotte.
Louisiana	Jacob E. Kantner.....	Greensboro.
Maine.....	John A. Porter.....	Asheville.
Maryland.....	W. F. Randolph.....	Asheville.
Massachusetts & R. I.....	George H. King	Charlotte.
Minnesota.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Moyton.
Mississippi	J. W. Hunter	Salem
Missouri.....	W. L. Wall.....	Durham.
Nebraska.....	A. H. Cobb.....	Asheville
New Hampshire	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen.....	Winston.
New York.....	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
North Dakota	Joseph H. Hackburn.....	Newbern.
Ohio	John. J. Thornton	Greensboro.
Oregon	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.	Charlotte.
Pennsylvania	E. J. Parrish.....	Durham.
South Dakota	Charles J. Austin.....	Tarboro
Tennessee	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.
Texas	Michael Bowes.....	Raleigh
Vermont.....	Charles J. Austin.....	Tarboro.
Virginia.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro
West Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
Wisconsin.....	W. H. Chadbourn	Wilmington.
Washington.....	John C. Chase	Wilmington.
Wyoming.....	William A. Withers.....	Raleigh.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

It may truly be said that "death loves a shining mark" when we consider the rich harvest that its angel has gathered during the past Templar year. These sad visits were not confined to any particular section, and were for Sir Knights in the subordinate Commandery as well as for him whose prerogative it had been to preside over the interests of Templar Masonry in our beloved commonwealth, whose name belonged on the honor rolls of Church and State alike, and whose memory will ever be revered by all who knew him.

As a slight token of the esteem in which our beloved fraters were held while alive, the Committee on Necrology would courteously recommend that suitable pages in our proceedings be dedicated to their memory.

Courteously,

W. A. WITHERS,
JNO. C. CHASE,
H. I. CLARK,

Committee.

This report was received too late for insertion in its proper place.

HONORED DEAD OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

ARKANSAS.

R. E. JOHN D. ADAMS,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Dec. 8th, 1892.

R. E. GEORGE L. KIMBALL,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Nov. 2d, 1892.

GEORGIA.

R. E. AZARIAH G. HOWARD,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Jan. 26th, 1893.

INDIANA.

SIR LEONIDUS E. SMEDLEY,
Grand Senior Warden,
Died June 10th, 1892.

KANSAS.

SIR JOHN H. BROWN,
Grand Recorder,
Died March 12th, 1893.

LOUISIANA.

R. E. JOSEPH P. HORNER,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Jan. 24th, 1893.

MASSACHUSETTS.

SIR NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
Deputy Grand Commander,
Died April 1st, 1893.

MICHIGAN.

R. E. LUMAN R. ATWATER,
Past Grand Commander,
Died July 23d, 1892.

MARYLAND.

R. E. WOODWARD ABRAHAM,
Past Grand Commander,
Died July 5th, 1892.

MARYLAND.

R. E. CHARLES H. MANN,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Sept. 5th, 1892.

OREGON.

SIR THOMAS M. PAITON,
Grand Prelate,
Died Nov. 29th, 1892.
SIR FRANCIS B. DUNN,
Past Eminent Commander,
Died July 20th, 1892.

PENNSYLVANIA.

R. E. HORNER S. GOODWIN,
Past Grand Commander.

WEST VIRGINIA.

R. E. JESSE R. PURNELL,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Aug. 31st, 1892.

OUR NORTH CAROLINA DEAD.

Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1,

J. DICKSON MUNDS,
Jan. 18th, 1893.

Raleigh Commandery, No. 4,

DONALD W. BAIN,
Nov. 17th, 1892.

Cyrene Commandery, No. 5,

REUBEN McBRAYER,
July 5th, 1892.

Piedmont Commandery, No. 6,

J. Q. A. BARHAM,
Oct. 21st, 1892.

H X. DWIRE,
March 14th, 1893.

APPENDIX.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The sessions of the Grand Commandery fall just at a time this correspondent cannot be present, and for some weeks before this time is so much engrossed in the affairs pertaining to his professional employment that he finds it impossible to give to the review of the proceedings of other Grand Bodies that care and attention which their merits and interest of the Craft demands of its correspondent. He has tried for two years next before this to shift the responsibility to others who have more leisure and higher qualification by earnestly asking that he be excused. Last year he transferred quite a number of the proceedings to Sir Stubbs and begged and implored him to come to the rescue and not allow the report to fail; but for some unaccountable reason no response (as to a report from him) was vouchsafed, and our appendix was (dis) graced with a meagre mention of a few Grand Bodies more on the nature of rising to a personal privilege than a formal report on correspondence. This time your correspondent can do little else.

It is certainly a high privilege, and affords keenest enjoyment, to read and consider the acts and doings of our fraters all over the land and to feel the pulsings of a common sentiment and the ennobling influence of fraternal compact for a common cause, to know that on the far off slopes of the Pacific, in the clear cold regions of the North, in the vine-clad bowers of the sunny South of our own union of States, as well as in the Dominion of Canada, we speak the same language of love to our fellow men and have the same devotion to Him who became sin for us and offered up his life on the cross to pay the debt we owe, "and made us Kings and Priests unto God our father," and he is lothe to surrender the post on that account, but duty to the Craft impels imperatively a declination of the position for another term at least, and to ask that it be not said as I find it said in many of the proceedings, "No Report on Fraternal Relations."

ALABAMA—1892.

We have read the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Alabama for 1892, in which we find North Carolina, but no mention of correspondence; no objection to it is offered on that account, and we feel that in compassion we were passed by and a sense of relief is experienced. Sir John A. McKinnon was re-elected R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Edward R. Hastings, Recorder; George P. Moore, Correspondent. Long may he hold the position as he fills the "hiatus" by reason of failure last year, and compensates in diligence and research past omissions, and a most readable report is furnished.

CALIFORNIA—1892.

Ought to have larger space than one sheet of my scratch pad, but "*I done swore out*" I won't do no more if it don't make but fifteen lines in print. The notice taken of this correspondence, the kindly words spoken and the liberal quotations from his report all combine to enhance the feeling of friendly regard (which theretofore were at the top notch) and tend to make an exception to the fifteen line rule, but will say this, that the report on correspondence is the best of the whole lot, and but for marring the volume the scissors would be called into requisition for the concluding sentence, which has a part of an old hymn which delights those who are looking forward to the heavenly Canaan to sing. To visit California has been an ardent wish, and to see for ourselves the land which imagination and all we have read of it pictures as a goodly land where "everlasting spring abides" and where good cheer, magnanimity and fervency of spirit pervades, at least the ranks of the Knights of the Cross. It is a matter of regret that I was debarred the pleasure of exchanging salutations with my brethren Sir Knights at Denver, specially those to whom the short intercourse of correspondent acquaintance hath made so dear, and more specially Edward Spalding Leppitt.

Sir Jacob Hart Neff, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Eminent Grand Recorder; Sir Edward Spalding Leppitt, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

ARKANSAS—1892.

Gives the proceedings in most tasteful form and nice finish, with matter of interest, though entirely of local concern. The address of the Grand Commander breathes the true Christian spirit, and his decisions on Masonic law, right. The Report on Correspondence is full of matters of interest and well worth the perusal. North Carolina "is done up" in about twenty-five lines and this correspondents "name is mentioned" and rejoicings expressed that "Atlantic breezes" have done us good, and that the health of the Jurisdiction is improving. Sir *I. O. Adams* writes well and he ought to be kept in harness, but as this correspondent will drop the quill after this he fears he will not see the next twenty-five lines about North Carolina. The promotion rule don't seem to prevail, as Sir Charles Edward Rosenbaum, the Grand Captain General, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, while Sir J. Austiu Henry was retained as Eminent Grand Reeorder, and long may he be.

COLORADO—1892.

S. Byron L. Carr, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding, delivers a most sensible address and presides with dignity at the Grand Conelave held at Denver June, 1892, and at a special Conclave held September 23d, 1892, at which latter the Grand Officers were elected. Alphonso A. Barnard, R. E. Grand Commander, Ed. C. Parmalee, re-elected Eminent Grand Recorder.

Our fraters had a big time of it in 1892, two Grand Conclaves and the most magnificent Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment ever yet held, and the Colorado Knights opened hand and heart to the utmost capacity. The work of the committees preparatory was vast and attended with a most lavish expenditure, the receipts and expenditures of the decoration committee alone run up to \$44,730.

Frater Harper M. Orahood writes a most readable review, quoting freely and with most complimentary notice of the report of this correspondent. He concludes his reports with: "Now, to our brethren who write Reports on Correspondence, and know the labor it implies, we need not say we are glad again to approach the end of another year's labor in making a report, and to be able to lay aside books and pen and look forward to a season of refreshment and relaxation, even if it is only for an evening. It will be ample compensation if we can have you all with us for that one evening, and can make you feel that you are in the house of your friends, and at home with us and with each other.

CANADA—1892.

The Great Priory of Canada assembled in the city of London, Ontario, 19th July, A. O. 774, Supreme Grand Master Sir Henry Robertson presiding and the veteran Daniel Spry at Recorder's desk.

The general outlook is good and I find nothing to which I could urge a word of criticism. Masonry healthy, disbursements liberal, even the chairman of the Correspondence Committee is rewarded somewhat for his time and trouble. With us it is a labor of love, with very little appreciation, except the compliment of having the report printed with the proceedings, and the courteous recognition by fraters of the quill to be seen "after many days." The reports of the various Grand Commanderies of the United States are reviewed and the concluding remarks of this correspondent quoted with approval. That pays some, brother, and in return we say thank you and most heartily commend you for the painstaking which marks the whole of your report.

Sir E. T. Malone, Supreme Grand Master; Sir Daniel Fry, G. C. T. Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT—1892.

Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave at Norwich March 15th, 1892. Sir Costello Lippett, R. E. G. C.; Sir Jos. K. Wheeler, E. G. Recorder and Correspondent.

The proceedings are full of interest and the printed record in get up and mechanical execution very good. The Report of Correspondence is full, fair and pleasing. Notice is taken of our little Commandery to the effect that "business was light, hardly anything done except to organize for another year. No Report on Correspondence." With his usual fairness if the report had been read he might have been better impressed, though it

may be he did read and thought it better to call it "no report" than to otherwise characterize it. If not good, better nothing said. We had something pleasant to say of Connecticut and now and here beg to repeat it and respectfully refer to it for further elucidation.

Sir Christian Swartz, R. E. G. C.; Sir Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder and Reporter.

It is unfortunate that proceedings of March, 1892, did not reach me in time for mention in report of May Convocation.

GEORGIA—1892.

The thirty-first Annual Conclave was held in the city of Americus, Sir R. J. Nunn, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. The address is fine. He discusses Masonic Home, Ritual, showing research, learning and scholarly accumen. He is not in favor of granting special dispensations to confer orders, unless it is expressly stated to be for the good of the order. He reports that every Subordinate Commandery had been visited and that the order was in good condition. Where the chief officers manifest sufficient interest to visit Subordinate Commanderies they are inspired with fresh zeal and good is bound to follow. The report (the first in six years) on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen and scissors of Sir Rowland B. Hall and well worthily has he done the work, and now that the ball is again in motion it is to be hoped each successive year will find his report in the proceedings. The correspondent feels gratified at the approval of what was said in his report of 1891 and honored by the quotation made from it.

The address before the Grand Commandery by Rev. A. M. Williams, printed in full, is a most excellent one.

Sir George W. McElhaney, elected R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected E. G. Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1892.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois assembled at their thirty-sixth Annual Conclave 20th of October, 1892, Sir Sylvester Omer Spring, Grand Commander, presiding.

I wish the time, space and financial ability afforded to devote twenty sheets to the review of Illinois. Sirs Barnard and Smith have made a volume of exceeding beauty and interest, engravings of finest execution illustrative of scenes and places of vast interest. The address of the Grand Commander, covering forty-two pages, is masterful in detail and clear and forceful in expression of grand Masonic and Christian truth, and his suggestions will merit consideration. The report by Sir Smith on Correspondence is as none but Smith could do, and long may his handiwork be seen in the pages of the reports from Illinois. I am much obliged for the kind allusion to the efforts made by me in the reportorial line, but with this I

lay down the pen that the work may be done in a more satisfactory manner, and it is to be hoped my successor will CHASE away whatever of discredit may have been put upon the high office of reviewer by the retention, for so many years, of one so utterly unsuited to the work.

Sir Charles Gauble Mac, elected Grand Commander; Sir Gilbert Bernard, re-elected Grand Recorder, and Sir John C. Smith, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1892.

On the 19th of April, 1892, the Grand Commandery of Indiana met at its thirty-eighth Annual Conclave Sir Irwin B. Webber, R. E. G. C., with full corps of Grand Officers.

The address is addressed to business and is a business-like address, showing he has been busy all the year. Treasury healthy. After liberal appropriations a balance of \$6,000 remains in hand. Peace, prosperity and plenty prevails.

Correspondence by Sir N. G. Ruckle, P. G. C., is full and complete. He doubtless has leisure for systematic review and the display of acumen in criticism and observation, kind, liberal, magnanimous and discriminating, he sees what is good and points out error. He notices North Carolina and points some omissions which perhaps the Grand Recorder had not noticed. He quotes a short paragraph from this correspondent's report of twenty-four pages and thinks from the quoted extract there is a disparagement of reportorial service. One thing I have to say, it has its own reward in the pleasure of the review, or rather in the reading of the reports. This is my last, however.

Sir Jas. E. Manning was elected R. E. G. C.; Sir W. H. Smythe, re-elected E. G. Recorder; Sir N. R. Ruckle, re-elected Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

IOWA—1892.

The Grand Commandery, at its twenty ninth Annual Conclave, met on the 20th of September, 1892, Sir E. Olin Soule, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, present and presiding, the Grand Commander, W. F. Cleveland, being absent. His address was read and his picture adorns the frontispiece. The address bristles with "general orders" and correspondence. His decisions are right and his reasoning cogent and satisfactory. He concludes by promising that when he shall surrender his office he will take his place in the ranks and do his duty, hoping that he may never lose his interest in the welfare and prosperity of the order. Hope he will stick to it. Many get cooled off as soon as the robes of office fall from their shoulders. The correspondent mentions North Carolina this time, and this scribe as "wise and otherwise, as the mood takes him," but we opine it is "otherwise" most of the time. Farewell, brother, I am out of it now and may not see your rejoinder if any you deign to make unless you will spend

two cents for a stamp to send me your report I will leave the task to another to *Chase* after and report upon the vagaries of quill brotherhood.

Sir E. Olin Soule was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir Alf. Wingate, re-elected E. G. Recorder.

KANSAS—1892.

Twenty-third Annual Conclave May 18th, 1892, in Winfield, S. Corbett, R. E. G. Commander, presiding Thirty Commanderies were represented. The address is sound and sensible, with well rounded periods and full of lofty sentiment. Decisions in accord with law and Templar usage, commending social amenities counseling temperance, and upright walk and conversation, that no evil may come of the example of Templars. A good year's work is reported. The Report on Correspondence by Sir John H. Brown covers 108 pages, reviewing thirty-eight Grand Commanderies, giving to each a most painstaking and elaborate notice, North Carolina receiving a proper share, considering the paucity of its dimensions, compared with others, quoting liberally from what this scribe had to say about holy days, ascensions, etc., etc., characterizing his views as puritanic, offering to bet his *old blackstone* that the trappings and feather adorned our form when on Templar duty. We confess to it in asylum and proper parade, but *parade* ought not to be made of religious *observances*.

Sir Edward C. Cusp, elected R. E. G. C.; Sir John H. Brown, re-elected E. G. R., who is also Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

KENTUCKY—1892

Forty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky convened on the 4th of May, 1892, Sir John William Pruett, R. E. G. Commander, present and presiding, supported by a full corps of officers, with the veteran Lorenzo Dow Croninger the Grand Recorder. The address is a resume of official acts and is good Templar reading, and smacks of deep, heartfelt piety and a zeal for the cause highly pleasing. The general trend of the proceedings shows thrifty and zealous work and harmonious fellowship. I find I am corroborated in this view when I read in the addenda that "the forty-fifth will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant social and enjoyable Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. Covington was the place of meeting and Commandery No. 7 spared nothing to contribute to the enjoyment of the fraters assembled there. The correspondence is specially enjoyable. It covers 128 pages and is from the pen of the well equipped Chas. R. Woodruff. I wish I could be justified in quoting the whole of his "conclusion," and that my space would allow of the systematic method Sir Knight Woodruff adopts in his notice and review of the several proceedings, and to reciprocate the kindly mention he makes of this correspondent. By the way, how does he know I wear "spectacles?" I have never put my picture in the books with spectacles on,

Sir Chas. Henry Fiske was elected R. E. G. C.; Sir Lorenzo Dow Croninger, re-elected E. E. Recorder; Sir Charles Rankin Woodruff, re-elected Chairman Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1892.

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire was held in Concord September 27th, 1892, Sir George W. Carrier, R. E. G. Commander, present and presiding. In his address he says the duties of the year have not been arduous, "for perfect peace and harmony has prevailed. No question of Templar law ruled on, no dispensations asked for, and in fact very little for the Grand Commander to do, except the pleasant task of visiting the Sir Knights in their Asylums and enjoying their unbounded hospitality."

Sir A. S. Wait writes the Report on Correspondence and does it well. He mentions North Carolina and notices that only nine Grand Commanderies are reviewed. Omits to mention the fact that the others were sent to another member of the committee and that his report was lost in the mails.

Sir Thadens Ezra Sanger was elected R. E. G. C.; Sir George P. Cleaves, re-elected E. G. Recorder.

Next meeting to be held in Concord September 26th, 1893.

MAINE—1892.

The forty-first Annual Conclave met in Portland May 5th, 1892, Sir Arlington B. Marston, R. E. G. C., present and presiding.

The address is saddened by the tribute to the worthy dead the Grand Commandery had been called upon to mourn. The venerable Grand Secretary, Sir Ira Berry, who had been for thirty-five years Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and who died 20th of September, 1891, and was buried on the 23d, which was the ninetieth anniversary of his birth. A beautiful and tender tribute is paid him. To John Bird, Past Grand Commander, who died 10th of March, 1892, he pays deserved tribute.

"The air is full of farewells to the dying
And mournings for the dead."

The matters of business referred to were mainly of local interest.

Correspondence signed by the committee in full, but evidently the work of Sir Stephen Berry, the then acting Grand Recorder, is full of interest. He mentions North Carolina and the brevity with which this correspondent notices other Grand Jurisdictions. These reports are "necessarily" brief for more than one reason. One, however, is sufficient. Paucity of funds in our exchequer, and besides I do not want the tail of the kite bigger than the kite, to say nothing of the *time* required to do up the thing as I would like to by a review of the proceedings.

Sir Thomas P. Shaw was elected R. E. G. C.; Sir Stephen Berry was elected E. G. Recorder, who was also Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

MARYLAND—1892.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland (twenty-second Annual Conclave) met in "Old" United States Court House November 22d, 1892, Sir Stephen Russell Mason, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding.

The proceedings are of unusual interest. While not yet recovered from the disastrous loss by reason of the fire prosperity seems regnant and in time the "new" quarters will be entered and the "Old" United States Court House relegated to its historic shades. The address of the Grand Commander has the right ring to it and gives out no uncertain sound, and from the printed page we can feel that he feels the true import of true Knightly and Christian profession and must have experimental knowledge of the "Blessed Immanuel"

The correspondence by Sir Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, P. G. C., covers 123 pages of well considered matter, reviewing proceedings of forty Grand Commanderies, including Grand Encampment of the United States, mentioning North Carolina and this correspondent in fitting terms.

Sir W. H. Ruby was elected R. E. Grand Commander; Sir John H. Miller, re elected E. G. Recorder; Sir Gorgas, P. G. C. Correspondent.

The announcement that the next Annual Conclave will be held in Masonic Temple is gratifying.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1892.

The volume before us embraces proceedings of the Semi-annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery held May 25th, 1892, and the Annual Conclave held October 27th, 1892, Sir R. H. Chamberlain, R. E. G. Commander, present and presiding at each.

The reports show a large amount of work done, much painstaking statistical labor on the part of the Grand Recorder and the Committee on Correspondence, two preachers of the gospel, and who from their learning and vocation are specially fitted for the work of review of the proceedings of other Grand Bodies and with sufficient leisure to give to the work the time necessary to its proper discharge, though they complain that though division of labor was had to prepare a report in keeping with the present condition and demands of the order is no light work. They did it well and thoroughly, except that this correspondent was let severely alone. Rev. Bro. Rugg, perhaps, has not forgiven me for calling him a "preacher," though pardon was asked and a disclaimer of any irreverence made in good faith. Our Commandery is mentioned and quotes a few lines from Grand Commander Allen's address.

Sir W. H. H. Soule, of Boston, was elected R. E. G. C.; Sir. Benj. H. Rowell, re elected E. G. Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1892.

The record of the thirty-sixth Annual Conclave held in Jackson, May 17th, 1892, (with Sir Edward C. Smith presiding and his picture as the

frontispiece) is a handsome exhibit of faithful work, painstaking research and beautiful mechanical get up. The Grand Commander's address is truly an elaborate report of elaborate work done by him, with no attempt at oratorical display, shows work well done—

The Report on Correspondence by *Sir Wm. P. Innes* covers 259 pages and shows that time and patience and perseverance were abundant, and believe me, I had some of the same cardinal virtues called into requisition, as I read the whole of it, just because having begun I just could not quit, 'fraid I would lose something. He is very kind to poor little North Carolina and quotes liberally from the report of this correspondent with evident approval, or was it out of the kindness of heart because of the poverty of the report? There are many paragraphs I would like to preserve by transfer to this report, but I don't like spoiling such a nice book by clipping, for I want to keep it in my library intact, and further, I could not do justice by clipping—to know and appreciate it it must be read as a whole. He calls my report “admirable.” I call his *magnificent* We belong to the “*mutuals*.” You must send me your next, for I am out of it for a fact this time.

Sir Jefferson S. Conover was elected R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Wm. P. Innes, Grand Recorder, and will continue to review, *as it should be*.

MINNESOTA—1892.

The twenty-seventh Annual Conclave was held in St. Paul June 24th, 1892, Sir Milton E. Powell, R. E. G. Commander, presiding. Nineteen out of twenty-two Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander says his acts, a report of which he gives in his address, as they are few, will be less to criticise, and I am sure there could be no adverse criticism upon work so well done and so handsomely set forth. One thing I find to commend—refusal to grant dispensation for a new Commandery when satisfied it could not be maintained without injury to an existing Commandery. Too many are enthused by new born zeal and misconception of responsibility into asking for new Commanderies when the work might have been better done in some one already established. The roll of forfeited charters would be smaller if more Grand Commanders would do likewise.

P. G. C. Thos. Montgomery writes the Report on Correspondence. He writes well and clips freely and industriously collates a synopsis of the principal events of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota with elaborate chronological index, and has something to say of almost every Grand Commandery except North Carolina, whose small, insignificant pamphlet perhaps did not reach that far off Northwestern region.

Sir T. W. Hugo was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir Thomas Montgomery, re-elected E. G. Recorder, who is also Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1892.

The thirty-second Annual Conclave was held at Vicksburg, February 9th, 1892, Sir W. A. Bodenhamer, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, presiding which was made necessary by the death of Sir James E. Leigh, R. E. G. Commander, who died on the 7th of November, 1891, and whose death was suitably and affectionately remembered by the acting Grand Commander in his address and by a special announcement to the Knights Templar of Mississippi on the 13th of November, 1891, in tender and touching phrase. One sentence I will quote: "A pilgrim penitent has performed 'his full term of penance,' for corruption has put on incorruption, and mortality immortality. A burning taper has been extinguished but has been relighted on the other shore, where it will forever burn with renewed brilliancy and splendor." Among his decisions I find one that should be law everywhere: "That a Commandery cannot confer the orders of Knighthood upon any companion unless the fees therefor are paid in advance." Such rule steadfastly adhered to would save Recorders much time and no little trouble would be avoided. "It is easy to say the fees must accompany your petition," but rather delicate to have to dun for them afterwards. Business was of purely local interest. In the Report on Correspondence all we said about Mississippi way back yonder, so far we can't say we did or did not, but 'spose we did, I did not keep copy and may have got names of new Commanderies from Michigan, Missouri or some other Miss. for he ought to know whether we missed it or not, the leaves of manuscript may have been mixed by printer, and I am quite sure the bad spelling was typographical errors for 'course I knows how to spell that which I have so much of and handle so fondly. All is compensated, however, by his having printed so much of what we had to say, for as newspaper men say our circulation was increased, yet he tops off the whole by poking fun at our being broken down. "The idea of being broke down," "done for" and "worked to death" writing a twenty-four page report. It want that—it was reading *so much* to get the milk out of it—boiling it down to the consistency of a just resume, digesting a mass of sometimes indigestible matter. We tried to get the preacher in by sending him a lot of the pamphlets, but when the time came for his report his came up missing, and the Recorder made note that the rest of the report got lost in the mails. This report (Miss.) ought to have been here before "our last" was reported so that this reply may have been more timely. I don't know what he had to say about us in February, 1893. Well, we can wait, but then I am out of it and some one else will have to Chase the *will o' the wisp*.

Sir W. A. Bodenhamer was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir J. L. Power, re-elected E. G. Recorder, and E. Sir George DeLap, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1892.

The thirty-first Annual Conclave met at St. Louis April 26th, 1892, Sir Noah M. Givan, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. In his address he departs from the usual order of addresses and talks about practical charity, commending the "Home for Indigent Masons, Widows and Orphans," and recommends that the Grand Commandery take such steps as will put into practical shape a movement for the establishment and maintaining a Masonic "Hospital and Sanitarium" in aid of the Masonic Home. Good; better spend money so, than in princely banquets and expensive pilgrimages unless we can do the one and not leave the other undone.

Report on Correspondence by W. H. Mayo is good. He finds what is good in the reports for review and "*scissors*" it. His comments are pertinent and sensible, sandwiched along with excerpts. All he has to say of North Carolina is that "The Eleventh Annual Conclave was held in Morehead City. The pamphlet is small, proceedings short and of local interest," and that this correspondent's report only occupies twenty-five pages, the best part of which was his "conclusion," and if he had not copied it *in full* we should have felt that he thought the best part was when it was *concluded*. Well, brother, I thank you for that much.

Sir David W. Wallace was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir W. H. Mayo, E. Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

NEBRASKA—1892.

Sir Edgar C. Salisbury, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, opened the Grand Commandery in Annual Conclave in the Asylum of Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 6, (ours is No. 7) on the 26th of April, 1892. Twenty-one out of twenty-two Commanderies were represented, which speaks well for the zeal of the Craft, which is further illustrated by the harmonious meeting, the cordial words of welcome of Sir Ephriam A. Stevens in behalf of Mt. Lebanon Commandery, and the admirable address of Grand Commander Louis H. Kerty, who was prevented being present by the very serious illness of a daughter.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of, well I don't know which one, the whole committee, for the work appears to be of herculean proportions that we must suppose it took the combined labors of them all to perform it. The statistical work is specially full and must have taken time, patience and perseverance and a sight of it. North Carolina is noticed and this correspondent's views ridiculed rather than combatted, attributing them to "lack of early education." We rejoice that by our early education we were taught to revere the Holy Scriptures and that we have thereby been enabled to steer clear of some of those teachings of men

which savor not of things of God. We are willing for all to believe as their consciences and "early education" move them to believe, but insist that such be not forced upon others.

Next meeting of this Grand Commandery is fixed for second Tuesday after Easter.

MONTANA—1892.

The report of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Montana, September 20th, 1892, is short so far as the work of the Grand Commandery is concerned, but voluminous when the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, Digest of Templar Law, the statutes of the Grand Commandery and Report on Correspondence is considered—combined make a valuable volume.

Sir Cornelius Hedges writes the report on Correspondence. Though he says it is his first full report on Templar Correspondence he finds himself in a new field, and from the desire to give the Constitution of the Grand Encampment abbreviates his cullings and criticisms, yet we find quite a full and readable review of thirty-four Grand Commanderies, and he gives North Carolina a notice which embodies a just digest of the proceedings of June, 1892. Of this scribe he says: "We much admire and still more the spirit in which he could refrain from replying to a discourteous criticism. Silence is often the best reply—it is turning the other cheek. Woe betide the caitiff who would smite it when turned in true Christian charity."

I thought that my last may be one of the reasons for being so lamb-like. I thank you just the same for your kind expressions. In mutuality I say I like your style, no scissors. You say what you think after reading the reports.

Sir E. D. Aiken was re-elected R. E. G. C.; Sir Cornelius Hedges, re-elected E. G. R., who is also Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1892.

The proceedings of the thirty-fourth Annual Conclave of New Jersey, held in Trenton May 10th, 1892, are before me, Joseph E. Fulper, R. E. G. Commander, present and presiding. In his address he says "peace and prosperity prevail within our borders, and death has not seriously decimated our ranks" It is a business paper and relates specially to matters of local import. No ruling or decision to which we could object.

Sir Charles Bechtel makes a readable, concise and discriminating review of thirty-five Grand Commanderies, using scissors quite freely, selecting much that is good and commenting properly and wisely on what he copies. Notices briefly our own little Commandery, but expresses the hope that this scribe will be kept at this work. Well they did for the time, but some

one else will hereafter regale the mutuals, for *I am done*, as I said once before, but now for a fact, but if I had to review New Jersey's next report I might have *much more* to say.

Sir W. F. Muchmore was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir Charles Bechtel was re-elected E. G. Recorder, who is also Correspondent, as it should be.

NEW YORK—1892.

The seventy-ninth Annual Conclave met in Oswego September 13th, 1892, Sir George F. Loder, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding, who with his associate Grand Officers, having been escorted to their respective places, Sir Charles H. Treadwell introduced Hon. William D. Allen, Mayor of the city, who extended a most cordial welcome in a beautifully conceived and happily rendered speech, to which the Grand Commander responded in most felicitous phrase.

The address of the Grand Commander is a faithful report of his stewardship. His decisions are right and he shows a legal discrimination and aptness to grasp the questions presented with judicial clearness.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by all three of the members, so they made honors easy, and we do not know who to thank for the courteous notice of our little Commandery, and especially of this scribe, for whom he expresses the hope that re-appointment will enable him to redeem himself another year. It ought to have been stated this scribe only received the fear for a personal explanation, the other proceedings having been sent to his confrere, and who let his report get lost in the mails.

NORTH DAKOTA—1892.

The Grand Commandery of North Dakota met in its third Annual Conclave 30th of June, 1892, David M. Holmes, R. E. G. Commander, presiding, with a full corps of Grand Officers and the officers of the four chartered Commanderies, together with the Past Grand Officers entitled to seats in the Grand Commandery, makes a very creditable showing. At least that they are all in earnest and at their posts. The Grand Commander's address is a business like document, elaborate in the detail of the operations of his department, showing method and system; he refers briefly to the death of two members of Subordinate Commanderies, saying the Grand Commandery had escaped the dread visitor. He says he had not been called upon for a decision on Templar law during the year, which shows that harmony prevailed in this jurisdiction. No report on correspondence, though we may expect one next time, as Grand Recorder Thompson was appointed to that office.

Sir R. F. Wallace was elected R. E. G. C., Sir Frank J. Thompson, E. G. R. and Correspondent.

OHIO—1892.

The fiftieth Annual Conclave held at Columbus, Ohio, September 6th, 1892. Sir Huntington Brown, R. E. G. Commander, present and presiding, all of the staff of Grand Officers present except the very eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Martin J. Houck, who was prevented by reason of the death of his aged mother who died on the 4th and was then attending her funeral; messages of sympathy were wired.

In the address, the Grand Commander refers to the death of Rev. Sir Knight LaFayette Van Cline, late E. Grand Prelate, in whose honor a special Conclave was held 6th March, to participate in paying the last sad tribute to his memory, the Grand Commandery acting as escort to the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. at his funeral, which with a full report of his official Acts make a most elegant and elaborate contribution and the most interesting volume of the report.

The report on "Foreign Communications" covers a review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Commanderies, which is full and exhaustive, filling two hundred and thirteen pages. To each Grand Commandery he devotes careful, discriminating thought, and expresses himself where he agrees or where he disagrees with clearness and cogency of reasoning. He still disagrees with this Scribe as to celebration of holy days and says he will have nothing to add to what he said last year; yet does add two full pages of argument showing that *all* christians believe in Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, yet adds nothing to show that the celebration of the *days* fixed by the Romish calendars ought to be fixed on the organization of Knights Templar as part of its ceremonies. We must cherish those memories as christians and as churches according to the ceremonial of the churches to which we belong, and not require a Commandery to do so while perhaps a part do not feel in harmony with such ritualistic performance. I still insist that the ceremonies on conferring the orders of Knights Templar sufficiently illustrate the grand doctrines inculcated in the teachings and life of our Saviour, and need not set days of *display* and ceremonial to impress them on the heart of the true, devout christian. I enjoy the reading of his report throughout, and rejoice at the truly devout christian spirit manifest, and regret that my retirement from the part of reviewer will deprive me of further pleasures in the line of being with any confreres in thought. I do almost feel myself in their presence while reading the report, thinking over them and writing about them; and for none will I feel a deeper regret than for Sir Carson. May the Lord bless you my brother, and preserve your health and life, that it may be still further spent in the service of the cause of Templar Masonary and the good of mankind.

Sir Martin J. Houck was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir John Nelson

Bell re-elected E. G. Recorder; Enoch T. Carsou, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

OREGON—1892.

Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Conclave Knights Templar, held 25th October, 1892, have been read with a great deal of pleasure.

Sir David P. Mason, R. E. G. Commander, was present and delivered an address saddened at first by the mention, in most feeling terms, of the death of Sir Preston Earhart, P. G. C., yet full of the details of a busy years' work, mentioning the fact that the closing remarks of the Grand Encampment were from Oregon in the presentation speech of Sir Knight T. McF. Patton, presenting a gavel to Grand Master McCurdy—"made from a young oak, in the heart of which *nature* had produced a beautiful Maltese Cross." The official report of the banquet closes as follows:

T. McF. Patton, of Oregon, made a short speech which had a surprise back of it. He presented Grand Master McCurdy with a gavel, the head of which was found in the forest of Oregon, where it had been a young oak tree, and shows in the center a perfect Maltese Cross."

We hope our Oregon fraters may see in the rainbow, one of these days "*In Hoc Signo Vincet.*"

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was written by Sir J. M. Hodson, as before in his own inimitable style, showing patience in research and wise discrimination in the clippings he makes, and very pert and faithful reference to each of Grand bodies whose proceedings he reviews. He mentions North Carolina, quoting from the address of the Grand Commander what he had to say about the observance of *Ascension Day*. While we do not agree, I believe in that large charity which enables us to live in harmony and yet not agree on such points, as in matters of religious conviction I can greet in Masonic and *Christian* fellowship even those, who are *christians*, who yet believe the Pope by edict could authorize a change, in the matter of obedience, of express commands of the Scriptures.

Glad to know roaring fires were not necessary and that way up there in the North-west you have such a balmy climate; yet I thought fires might be necessary in December and January. We will try to remember, when we got onto the "lean and slippered" state, when "consumptions ghastly form" shall lurk about our hearthstone, to hie away to goodly Oregon to renew our youth and acquaintance with those we feel we know, "not having seen." Bro. Hodson, farewell.

Sir Silas M. Youman was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir J. F. Robinson re-elected E. G. Recorder; Sir J. M. Hodson though promoted (?) will again be Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA—1892.

The proceedings of the thirty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Com-

mandery of Pennsylvania, held on 24th and 25th of May, 1892, also of special Conclave held July 8th, 1891, and extras June 15th, 16th and 17th, 1892, makes up a nice volume. These proceedings show more of ceremony than any other; general orders and notifications all show a punctiliousness which may be probably observed by other Grand Commanderies, but are not always set forth in the record of their proceedings. The business is also reported in most systematic style. The address of the Grand Commander is an official report of his actings and doings, with correspondence on matters of interest copied in full. The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Charles E. Meyer, who is also the Grand Recorder. It is a good report, as is generally the case when the two offices are combined. He gives North Carolina a short notice, compliments the report of this correspondent by saying "He writes in an interesting manner, keeping the reader constantly on the look out for points." I fear he took more time counting the words in some of my sentences than in considering their import, certainly more than in writing about them.

Sir James H. Codding was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir Chas. E. Meyer re elected E. G. Recorder and Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1892.

The record of the proceedings of the ninth Annual Conclave, held 16th June, 1892, is quite short, but full of business details of its work. Sir Samuel H. Jumper, R. E. G. Commander, is short, very short, but for the "General orders and circular letters" incorporated. The business was light, but the meeting was attended with joyous fraternal intercourse and genuine Knightly courtesy. There were seven out of eleven Commanderies, representatives present, and the session lasted two days.

No report on fraternal relations, but the Grand Commander announced Sir W. D. Stites as Chairman. The work ought to be given to the Grand Recorder, whose situation to the craft in general, and salary and contingent fund allowed him would justify him in taking sufficient time to write report. The salary \$200.00; Contingent fund for Grand Recorders office \$60.00 and printing proceedings \$150.00, is quite liberal and worthily and properly *bestowed*.

Sir George W. Burnside, R. E. G. Commander; Sir Bruce M. Rowley, re-elected E. G. R.

TENNESSEE—1892.

The proceedings of the Session of May 10th, 1892, were noticed in our report last year—time having been allowed to finish report; that of Tennessee came in on time for notice, that of 1893 is not yet in, so we cannot have anything more now to say than that we have said. We feel sore yet about what was said of us in the report referred to; squelched out completely. I doubt very much whether that word would suit the fastidious taste of our

Tennessee frater, but I am *done* now, completely *done*, and as time was allowed to complete report, I can say that a most worthy Frater Chase has been selected to do the work of correspondent in the future, notwithstanding I have been working so hard for Munson to get the job—there it is again, I *ought* to have said position.

In conclusion I have to say no one knows but my poor self, how much I was disappointed in not having been permitted the pleasure of meeting with the “mutuals” at Denver. I may come in at Boston, if not as present, at least as *past* Reporter.

TEXAS—1892.

The “Transactions of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Texas” held in Corsicana, April 20th, 1892, embraces the public ceremonies at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the address, on that occasion, of Sir J. C. Carpenter, E. Grand Prelate, commending in fit phrase the tenets of the order, to the public. We should let our “light so shine” that the public will take knowledge of us. Our TRANSACTIONS ought to be within the tiled recesses of our Asylums.

The Grand Commander, Sir James Garrity, made report of his official acts in a paper of sixteen pages. He says “our order has prospered, and shows an increase of membership. Peace and harmony prevails among our Commanderies, and the names added to the roll of ‘Our Knightly Dead’ are few in proportion to our numbers,” for all which he expresses devout thankfulness “to the Great Master of all.” Business is principally local and recorded in business like style \$500.00 is appropriated for printing, and expenses of Grand Recorder’s office lacked \$287.80 covering actual expenses, for which provision was made. With that sum it seems he ought to have performed to the duties of the office of Correspondent and added a few pages of report on Fraternal relations, but none at all appears.

Sir J. D. Proctor was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir Robt Brewston re-elected E Recorder.

VERMONT—1892.

The fiftieth Annual Conclave held in Burlington, June 14th, 1892. Presided over by Sir Kittredge Haskius, R. E. Grand Commander, with a full corps of Grand Officers. Past Grand Officers and the representatives of ten Commanderies, made up a most enjoyable reunion. The business was mostly routine and of local interest.

Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Marsh O. Perkins, who is also V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, and is a readable paper, so much so, in the reading thereof I passed New Jersey, New York and way over to North Dakota, and reading on it occurred to me, C came before D, so I turned to see if North Carolina had been skipped, and after diligent search among the various apartments no trace could be found of North

Carolina, but the reading was continued all the same, and the "conclusion" is reached, which shows marked ability as reported and worthy industry in getting up the summary from the statistics of Sir Jesse B. Anthony, of the N. Y. Committee on Correspondence.

Sir Kittredge Haskins was re-elected R. E. Grand Commander ; Sir Marsh O. Perkins, V. E. D. G. C., and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, and Sir W. G. Reynolds, E. G. Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1892.

The proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, held in Richmond October 13th, 1892, makes a small volume. The address of the Grand Commander, the report of the Grand Recorder and the acts done in the Assembly making in all only twenty pages. Financial statement, roster of membership and other statistics making up the remainder of the fifty-two pages of the volume. No Appendix with notice of other Grand bodies in way of correspondence report—business, strictly business, seems to have been solely in mind. Grand Recorder's salary is two hundred dollars. Amount paid for Past Grand Commanders jewels \$750 00, and with an income of nearly two thousand dollars are hesitating and reporting upon the expediency of helping the orphan's home and yet don't do it. Let the Sir Knights invest in the bright jewels of precious orphans rather than so much in Past Grand Commanders jewels, which are to be worn for a season only.

Sir Fred Greenwood was elected R. E. G. Commander ; Sir W. B. Isaacs re-elected E. G. Recorder, who is also charged with duty of Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1892.

Fifth Annual Conclave held at Spokane, June 10th and 11th, 1892, Sir S. Harry Rush, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding, who, with a full corps of Grand Officers, P. G. Officers and Representatives from eight regular chartered Commanderies, make a pleasant Conclave in which much of local interest is transacted.

The picture of Grand Commander Rush adorns the book of proceedings, from which I should judge a plain, square, solid, business-like address would emanate. There is firmness of purpose and steadfastness in principle manifest on that sturdy face. He is a friend to whom we may pin our faith.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Yancy C. Blalock, who is also E. Grand Recorder (as it should be), who makes a fair report as to all the jurisdictions reviewed as far as the lights before him justifies. He criticises the action of our Grand Commander in issuing dispensations to confer the degrees without waiting the required lapse of thirty days or four weeks. The special reasons governing in all these cases were that batches of candidates would come up from a neighboring Royal Arch Chapter desirous of securing the orders for establishing a new commandery, that fact

having been communicated and the character of the candidates avouched for by the unanimous voice of their Chapters, the Grand Commander has impelled in order to promote the cause of Templar Masonry, and not swell the number for special occasion, granted the dispensations, which my brother will agree was right. He reviews 1890-'91, so has a turn for both Southgate and this writer. He quotes approvingly perhaps from both, but calls ours a *wail wall*, it was just for fun, *don't ye know*, so he is forgiven, because he gives such liberal extracts, and other folks will have a right to judge what is the character, *weel* or *woc*, of what he denominates "a wail." "By your work" or "fruits" or words to that effect "ye shall be judged" if I am not mistaken in the quotation. So now for *sure* I say good bye, but if you have anything to say back at me send me copy, or tell Munson to do so.

Sir Edward R. Hare was elected R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Yancy C. Blalock re-elected E. Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA—1892.

Eighteenth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Huntington, on 11th May, 1892. Sir John W. Morris, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. Nine Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander is courtly and tender and business-like. He says "the past year has been one of prosperity for our order. No internal strife nor dissensions to mar the beauties of the teachings of our fraternity. No clouds to obscure the brightness of our prospects in this jurisdiction. For all these blessings we should be devoutly thankful." The business while local in general, was in great degree of interest, the decisions, resolutions and other work were all in harmony with Templar Masonry, wherever found working. The Appendix contains form of Installation of Officers taken from Em. Sir Robt. Macoys MANUEL, and the report of Committee on Code, Statutes, and regulations, but no report on Correspondence, but we may expect one next time, as Sirs W. G. Bennett, George Davis and John W. Morris were appointed on Templar Correspondence, but we think the E. Grand Recorder ought to be *ex officio* Correspondent. A resolution was adopted giving the Grand Recorder a salary of \$150.00. Small enough, but Committee on Correspondence gets only the wine of refreshment and oil of joy, which is *good, very good*, very enjoyable and all that, but that don't pay for scratch pads, pencils, postage and time and labor of writing. Somebody will call this a *wail*, but we fear it will avail nothing, for folks will have their way—sometimes.

Sir E. L. Butterick, who was E. G. Captain General, was elected R. E. G. Commander; Sir R. C. Dunnington was re-elected E. G. Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1892.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wis-

consin, was held on Tuesday, October 11th, 1892, at Milwaukee. Sir D. Lloyd Jones, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding.

The report of the Grand Commander is a business like production, showing thought, method and a thorough acquaintance with the business of his high office and an intelligent appreciation of its responsibilities. His decisions were in accord with Masonic law and Templar precedent, holding in one that the Commander could *not*, though a *Commandery might*, employ counsel for the accuser in a Templar trial. True, but there ought not to be a private prosecutor or "accuser." When charges are preferred against a Sir Knight, they become the charges of the Commandery, though said by some individual Sir Knight, and ought to be tried by the committee appointed by the Commandery, which should prosecute without fee or reward, ordinarily; of course circumstances might arise where so much time and legal investigation would be required as to justify the payment of a fee and expenses.

The report of the Trustees shows a healthy Treasury, with total assets of \$4,473.38 after taking out indebtedness. The Treasurer's report shows \$3,612.34 cash in Treasury, after most liberal disbursements, including tri-ennial appropriations of \$1,000.00 and Recorder's salary and disbursements, \$456.00.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen and scissors of Sir W. C. McSwain—like his former productions—discriminating and appreciative. Clipping where he observes anything good, interjecting his own opinions, approving or condemning, which smack of sincerity and judgment. The effort to work in Sir Stubbs in place of this Correspondent proved a failure, and not being able to be at the session of the Grand Commandery at Winston, the burthen was again put on *this* scribe. In regard to the divergence of opinion on the question of Holy Days between Sir McSwain and this Scribe, we say let us agree in disagreeing, knowing that the expression of our opinions have no binding authority and perhaps little weight in determining the action of the Commanderies, but I do insist that it is just as consistent to go at variance with sectarian belief in our Templar practices as it would be to introduce political discussion in our Conclaves. The common platform, of *belief in the doctrines of our Saviour*, and those of exalted paternalism, untainted with sectarian or political bias is the safe course, and I reiterate that our ceremonies contain enough to impress the doctrines of the resurrection and ascension, by aid of the New Testament recitals, upon all *Christian* Sir Knights without the aid of Holy Day observances, with religious parade.

Sir Warren H. Lewis was elected R. E. Grand Commander; Sir John W. Laflin was re-elected E. Grand Recorder; Sir W. C. McSwain retained as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Grand Conclave meets in Milwaukee 10th October, 1893.

WYOMING—1891—1892.

The proceedings of the two Annual Conclaves of 8th July, 1891, and 11th May, 1892, are printed in one small volume—Neatly bound and typographically and mechanically tastefully executed.

Sir Otto Gramm, R. E. Grand Commander, with full corps of Grand Officers; two Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of three Commanderies made up the roll call of the Grand Commandery of July, 1891. The Grand Commander, after devoutly thanking "Our Heavenly Father" for health and strength and praying "that we may at this time meet together at the Altar of Templarism, not only to improve ourselves, but so far as we can also improve each and every Sir Knight in the jurisdiction of Wyoming," he addresses himself to the report of the business of the past year, chief of which was the issue of dispensation to form a Commandery of Knights Templar at Evanston, named "Albert Pike," which starts out with good heart and good material. A charter was granted at this Conclave, and other business of local interest—finances healthy and general spirit excellent.

Sir Jas. G. Rankin was elected R. E. Grand Commander; and Sir Adrian J. Paschall re-elected Grand Recorder.

1892.

The fifth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Rawlins, May 11th, 1892. Sir James G. Rankin, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding, who, with Grand Officers and representatives of four Commanderies, make up the Conclave. The address is purely business, the first being the report of the issue of dispensation for the organization of Albert Pike Commandery No. 4, to Sir Knight John C. Baird, V. E. D. Grand Commander.

Next the report of the Deputy that he did on the 23rd of July institute the Commandery, in which he says "The personnel of this new Commandery is of the very best and gives promise of composing one of the superior Commanderies of the State." The Grand Commander concludes his address with the remark "Peace and harmony have prevailed over the entire jurisdiction." The Recorder's and Treasurer's reports make good financial showing. Receipts \$350.45; disbursements \$100.00, leaving balance in treasury of \$250.45. A healthy, vigorous baby gives promise of stalwart manhood.

The Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir J. C. Baird, says only this, and with this, we freely and frankly forgive him—"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," or words to that effect.

When we wrote the Report on Correspondence for 1890 we were convinced that it was our last appearance as a "mutual" *in print*. (Sir Connor and Sir Orahood will kindly note that the italics are ours.) These honors, we felt, should rotate, especially as there is good material in the

State of which to make correspondents. Our wish to retire was denied, and we were again appointed to write "only one more report."

We deeply regret that sufficient time was not vouchsafed us to once again review the reviewers, who have so kindly indulged our last work. A report without Correspondence is lacking in one of its most important essentials, and we trust that no one will ever again be appointed as correspondent who lacks the time to attend to the duties of the position.

To our brethren of the Guild we extend our heartiest good will, with the assurance that their brilliant pages will be as attractive as ever to the undersigned.

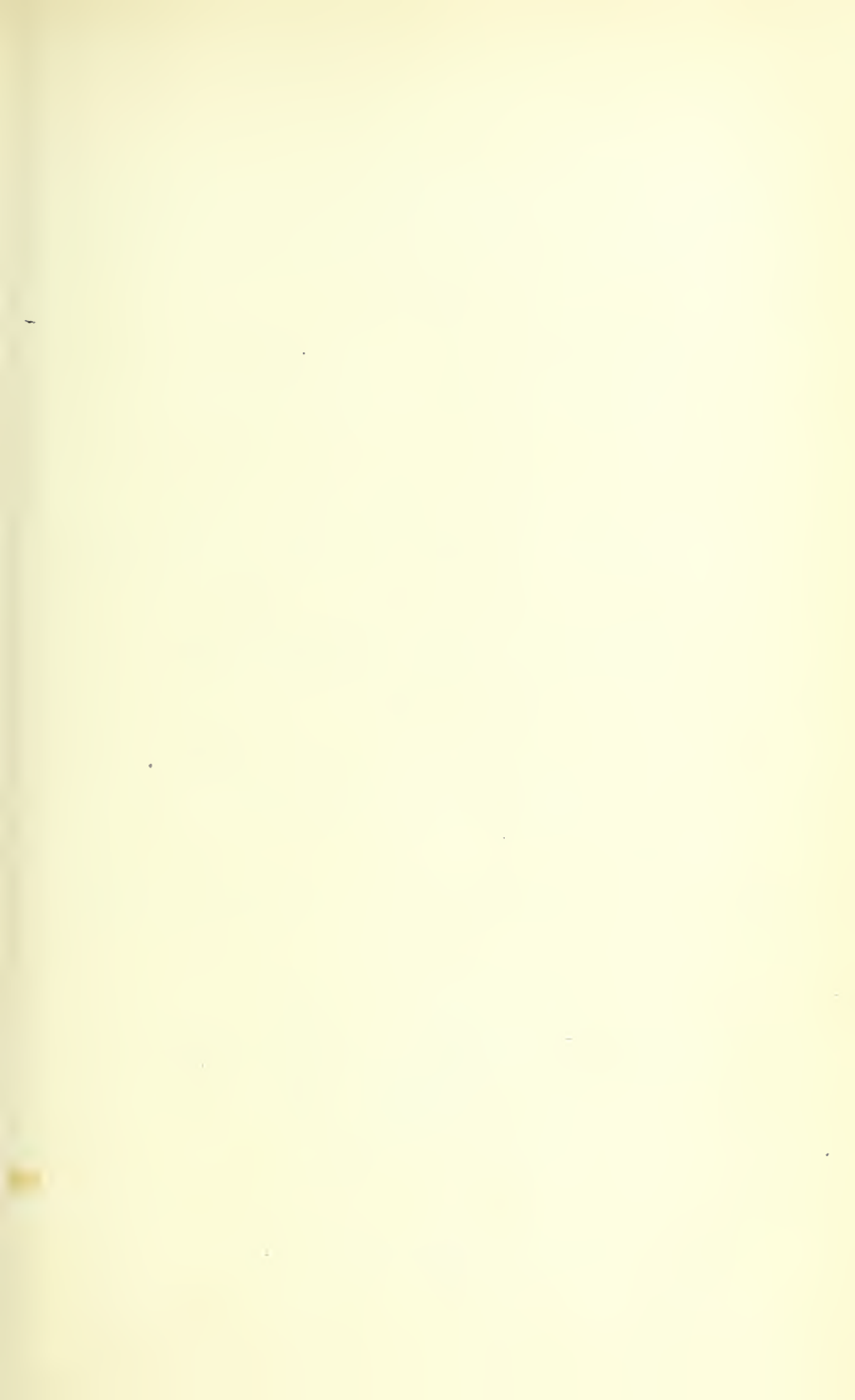
Notwithstanding the failure to review he was elected R. E. Graud Commander and the worthy Sir Adrain J. Paschall re-elected E. G. Recorder, who might assume the quill of "*a mutual*" ex-officio is it ought to be.

Next meeting 2nd Wednesday in May, 1893, the day after ours.

RELIEVED.

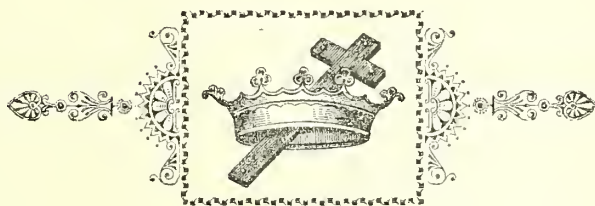
In conclusion let us say, with love to all and malice towards none, we lay down the quills with a sense of relief, at being relieved of the appointment of Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who could get no relief from those appointed with him on the Committee, though earnestly imploring it. A sense of sadness is mixed with that of relief, for a separation from the association of co-laborers in the work, and the deprivation of the pleasure of reading the reports will be sorely felt. How often have we felt while reading the reports say of California or Illinois, that we were in the presence of the fraters whom we felt we already knew—particularly those whose pictures gave such a realistic sense of their presence. It was indeed a pleasure, and but for the inopportune time of meeting in the midst of Spring Circuit of Court, the pleasure would have been retained. *July* or *August*, for mountain or seashore, would have been more opportune, and suitable to all; for such is the outing season of those who are betied with labors and duties in the first five or six months of the year. The opinion of this correspondent on matters in which he has vouchsafed any, have been variously received, for those who have courteously disagreed the very highest regard is felt, for those who have approved, most kindly appreciations. May our blessed Lord reveal himself to each by the Spirit and power of the Holy Ghost, and may we all meet in the Great Grand Encampment with our Supreme Grand Master presiding, welcoming each with the plaudit, "well done."

GEO. W. BLOUNT,
Correspondent.





PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
GRAND COMMANDERY,
—OF—
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
—OF THE—
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
—AT ITS—
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
—HELD IN—
CHARLOTTE,
MAY 8th and 9th, A. D., 1894, A. O. 776.



WILMINGTON, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Fourteenth Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, in the city of Charlotte, Tuesday, May 8, A. O., 776, at 8 o'clock, P. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
ALPHONSO H. COBB.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
PETER A. WILSON.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
JOHN C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Captain General.
REV. WALTER S. CREASY.....	E. Grand Prelate.
D. E. ALLEN.....	as E. Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. SMITH.....	as E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
WILLIAM A. WITHERS.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
DAVID G. MAXWELL.....	as E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

and was opened in ample and Knightly form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights, Walter S. Liddell, James C. Munds and Mumford D. Bailey a Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows :

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below :

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

F. M. MOYE.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
A. H. COBB.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
P. A. WILSON.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
J. C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Captain General.
REV. W. S. CREASY.....	E. Grand Prelate.
D. E. ALLEN.....	as E. Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. SMITH.....	as E. Grand Junior Warden.
W. SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
H. H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
W. A. WITHERS.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. H. HACKBURN.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
D. G. MAXWELL.....	as E. Grand Warder.
R. H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

H. H. MUNSON.....	P. G. C.
JAS. SOUTHGATE.....	P. G. C.
D. G. MAXWELL.....	P. G. C. G.
W. W. ALLEN.....	P. G. C.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	P. G. G.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

W. E. STORM.....	Eminent Commander.
R. H. GRANT.....	Generalissimo.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....	Proxy for Captain General.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2, CHARLOTTE.

W. S. LIDDELL.....	Eminent Commander.
R. E. McDONALD.....	Generalissimo.
D. E. ALLEN.....	Captain General.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3, DURHAM.

JAS. SOUTHGATE.....	Representative.
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RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

W. A. WITHERS.....	Eminent Commander.
J. W. THOMPSON.....	Generalissimo.
B. R. LACEY.....	Proxy for Captain General.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

W. T. RANDOLPH.....	Eminent Commander.
J. A. NICHOLS.....	Generalissimo.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

MUMFORD D. BAILEY.....	Eminent Commander.
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MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

W. H. APPLEWHITE.....Proxy for Eminent Commander.
W. H. APPLEWHITE.....Proxy for Generalissimo.
W. H. APPLEWHITE..... Captain General.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

J. J. THORNTON.....Proxy for Em. Com., General'o, Capt. Gen.

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, NO. 9, TARBORO.

GEORGE HOWARD, JR.....Eminent Commander.

ST. JOHN COMMANDERY, NO. 10, NEWBERN.

J. H. HACKBURN.....Eminent Commander, Proxy for Generalissimo.

ST. ALDERMAR COMMANDERY, NO. 12, ENFIELD.

J. J. WHITAKER.....Generalissimo.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander appointed the standing committees:

On Address of R. E. Grand Commander: Sir Knights Jas. Southgate, John C. Chase, John J. Thornton.

On Warrants and Dispensations: Sir Knights D. E. Allen, W. H. Applewhite, D. G. Maxwell.

On Finance: Sir Knights B. R. Lacy, J. H. Thornton, J. W. Thompson.

On Next Place of Annual Conclave: Sir Knights J. H. Hackburn, M. D. Bailey, W. E. Storm.

On Templar Jurisprudence: Sir Knights P. A. Wilson, S. H. Smith, J. C. Chase.

On Fraternal Correspondence: Sir Knight John C. Chase.

On Necrology: Sir Knight Walter S. Creasy.

On Unfinished Business: Sir Knights G. W. Meredith, J. C. Munds, B. R. Lacy.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

The Grand Commander delivered the annual address, which on motion was referred to the following committee: Sir Knights James Southgate, John C. Chase and John J. Thornton.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

We stand this evening, Sir Knights, as it were, amid the gathering shadows and gaze upon the setting sun of the closing Templar year, while we recount the duties performed and work accomplished in the interest of the order during this short period of its history.

For a moment we halt on life's journey to exchange greetings and congratulations ere we resume our pilgrimage to that Heavenly Asylum, where all true and faithful Knights hope at last to arrive.

Gleaming with purest light will soon appear high up in the Masouic firmament the beautiful morning star of hope and good cheer for the futnre of our noble order.

Soon the bright rising sun of a new Templar year will beam upon us, his brilliant rays shedding, we trust, increased luster on our banner and lighting our pathway as onward we press in our contest with the vanities and deceits of the world to nobler deeds and grander achievements in the cause of Christian Knighthood.

Deprived by severe sickness of the great pleasure of being with you at Tarboro twelve months ago, I cannot express my feelings of delight at meeting you on this occasion, and while tendering my sincere thanks, I desire now to assure you of my grateful appreciation of the honor which in my absence you conferred upon me at that time. Your action will ever be a green spot in my Masonic life, a cherished mark of your love and confidence, to which in memory I shall often and fondly revert with pride and gratification.

How pleasant and delightful, Sir Knights, are these our annual reunions, tending as they do to quicken and stimulate our interest in the good work, and unite us more firmly in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love. I trust the fourteenth Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina may be long remembered by us all, not only for the enjoyment we shall individually receive in mingling with each other, but because of the increased prosperity of the order, which we sincerely hope will be the result of our deliberations. Looking to this end, let us not take hasty action upon any question claiming our attention, but carefully and patiently consider and weigh every matter which may come before us. I am sorry to note a growing disposition to hurry through the work of our Grand Masonic Bodies at the expense frequently, I fear, of important interests of the Craft.

This is not as it should be. Let us leave undone nothing that is needful. Let us willingly delay our return to our homes a day or more, if necessary to promote the cause for which we have assembled.

We have met, Sir Knights, to legislate for the general good and devise ways and means for the extension and perpetuation of the grand principles of our valiant and magnanimous order, founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.

The story of the early history of the Templars is indeed a most touching and pathetic one. Looking back to the dark days of the eleventh century we have presented to us a picture of those illustrious heroes, Hugh D. Payens and Godfrey De St. Aldemar, whose matchless valor overcame all obstacles and won glorious victories for truth and justice. We see them mounted upon one horse, starting out on their perilous journey and with brave hearts resolved to yield up their lives if need be in defence of the Christian religion, and the protection of the helpless pilgrims on their way

to the Holy Sepulcher. From this seemingly insignificant beginning grew "the most renowned and powerful military and religious order" recorded in the history of the world.

Upon the shoulders of the modern Templar has fallen the mantle of the gallant Knight of the past. This mighty host of Christian soldiers long ago grounded their arms and pitched their tents in the Realms of Light and Life eternal. In their heroic services and sacrifices for the cause so dear to their hearts, they have left us a rich and imperishable legacy, which it is our solemn duty well and sacredly to guard.

As Templar Masons, it becomes our mission, fearlessly and unceasingly, to uphold and defend the glorious principles for which they contended, and cheerfully shed their blood, not as a band of armed warriors, for "with the age and occasion which gave it birth, the adventurous and warlike spirit of the order has passed away," but as humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, let us ever be ready to espouse the cause of the Christian religion, distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted, and with charity and hospitality inscribed on our banner, we will go forward bearing aloft the invincible sign of the cross with the motto "*In Hoc Signo Vincas*," surrounded by glittering rays of light, and the powers of darkness shall not prevail against us.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Viewed from every standpoint, I am most happy to report, so far as my knowledge extends, the satisfactory condition of the Order in the State. No contentment has arisen among us; no vexed question has come up to mar the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

One new Commandery has been organized during the year, and most of the subordinate Commanderies will, I think, show some increase in membership for the same period. The financial condition of the Grand Commandery is most gratifying, our Treasury showing a comfortable balance in our favor. With our sister Grand Jurisdictions relations of the most cordial and fraternal nature exist, while I am glad to note pleasant and complimentary mention of us by some of their correspondents.

The work of the Grand Commander's office has been exceedingly light and in every way most agreeable the past year.

The burden imposed upon me has indeed been an easy one to bear, and what I have been able to do for the Order has seemed more a labor of love than otherwise. This has been rendered doubly so, because of the valuable assistance received from our very efficient Grand Recorder E. Sir H. H. Munson, whose promptness and faithfulness in the dispatch of business is beyond all praise.

NECROLOGY.

During the year the "Angel of Death received the dread mandate to strike

from the roll of human existence" the names of some of our most distinguished and best beloved fraters in other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Like autumn leaves they have fallen to enrich our mother earth and their spirits have returned to God who gave them." From year to year they bore the cross and won at last the starry crown.

October the 28th, 1892, R. E. Sir Jacob Owen, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Kentucky, departed this life at Pitchers Point, Louisiana, aged 72 years.

April 23rd, 1893, Sir Frank Nathan Manchester, Eminent Grand Senior Warden Grand Commandery of Vermont, aged 43 years.

May 5th, 1893, R. E. Sir Joseph H. Johnson, Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Alabama, at his home in Talladega, aged 61 years.

May 9th, 1893, R. E. Sir John J. Wadsworth, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, at his home in the city of Erie.

May 21st, 1893, R. E. Sir William Thomas Walker, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Ohio, at his home in Toledo, aged 68 years.

May 29th, 1893, Sir Philo Patterson Hubbell, Grand Prelate Grand Commandery of Minnesota, at Winona, aged 94.

May 30th, 1893, R. E. Sir Logan H. Roots, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Arkansas, at Little Rock, aged 52 years.

July 18th, 1893, R. E. Sir James T. Holtzclaw, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Alabama, in the city of Montgomery.

August 30th, 1893, at his home in Allentown, R. E. Sir Edwin G. Martin, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, aged 57 years.

October 26th, 1893, at his residence in Beloit, Kansas, R. E. Sir George W. Port, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Kansas, aged 51 years.

December 1st, 1893, R. E. Sir Reuben Peden, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Indiana, was struck and instantly killed by a railroad train at Knightstown, Indiana.

December 26th, 1893, at his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, R. E. Sir Philip Dodridge McCulloch, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Arkansas, aged 68 years.

March 9th, 1894, at Chattanooga, R. E. Sir George Cooper Connor, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Tennessee, and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

March 28th, 1894, at Allegheny City, R. E. Sir Charles G. Baer, Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

August 22nd, 1893, R. E. Sir John James Bell, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, departed this life at Manchester, aged 66 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Dread Reaper, with his cruel scythe, has invaded our own ranks the past year, and with sad heart I record the names of the beloved fraters, who are peacefully sleeping in the silent city of the dead, in that mysterious land beyond the grave.

The memory of their virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining lustre beyond the portals of the tomb.

August 10th, 1893, Sir Knight George H. Suow, Raleigh Commandery No. 4, departed this life at his home in the city of Raleigh. It is said of him that he was a bright, kind and courteous frater, and possessed many traits both of head and heart which endeared him very much to his brethren.

Sir Knight James S. Battle, Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, departed this life January 26th, 1894. He was indeed a rare specimen of a gallant and courteous Knight, a brave, polished and honorable man.

Sir Knight George Lampman, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, departed this life at his home in the city of Greensboro January 30th, 1894. He was an ideal Mason, and reflected honor on the institution, which he loved so well.

Sir Knight James E. Clark, Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, died April 20th, 1894. He was a true and courteous Knight and has fallen in life's struggle, full Knightly with his armor on. Assisted by a large delegation of Sir Knights from St. George and St. Aldemar Commanderies, his sorrowing brethren with the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the Order laid him to rest in beautiful Maplewood Cemetery in his own town of Wilson.

DISPENSATIONS.

In granting dispensations of whatever kind, I have conscientiously endeavored, after investigating as fully as possible the facts in each case, to be guided by what I conceived to be the best interests of the Order. For this reason I have been reluctantly compelled to refuse some, and with pleasure have granted others.

This prerogative of the Grand Commander should, I am satisfied for the honor of the Order, be well guarded and exercised with extreme caution. I fully concur in all that has been said regarding the reckless or indiscriminate use of such power.

In granting dispensations to ballot on petitions in less than the statutory time, I think it should be in every instance on condition that all the members be given due notice of the proposed action of the Commandery, and this rule I have tried to observe in such matters.

Doubtless I have made some mistakes along this line, but if so, I can truthfully say they have been of the head, and not of the heart.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

May 26th, 1893, upon proper application made to me I issued a dispensation appointing E. Sir J. W. Cotten, Commander St. George Commandery,

No. 9, Sir Knight W. H. Applewhite, Captain General Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, and Sir Knight W. R. Blake, Raleigh Commandery, No. 5, to form and open a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" at Enfield, in Halifax County, and confer the orders of Knighthood on nine or more Royal Arch Masons, the purpose being to organize a new Commandery at that place.

June 2nd, 1893, I received a full and satisfactory report of the action May 30th of the Sir Knights under said dispensation.

January 11th, 1894, having received a petition from a constitutional number of Knights Templar, praying for a dispensation to organize a Commandery at Enfield, in Halifax County, I granted the same, and on January 29th, following, had the honor in person to organize the Commandery, under the name of St. Aldemar, with Sir Knights David Bell as Commander, J. J. Whitaker Generalissimo and W. F. Parker, Captain General.

I congratulate the Grand Commandery and the Order in the State upon this valuable addition to our list of Commanderies.

The members of this new Commandery are in every respect worthy of our highest confidence. They are Masons true and tried, and have all the requisites to success, intelligence, means and Knightly honor.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

June 21st, 1893, DeMolai Commandery, No. 11, to appear in full Knights Templar uniform June 24th, as escort to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., the occasion being the celebration at the Masonic Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.

July 18th, 1893, Piedmont Commandery, No. 6., to attend in full Knight Templar uniform as escort to Winston Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M., the Davie County Pic-nic, held at Mocksville, N. C., August 10th, for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the same being of annual occurrence, at the same place and for the same purpose.

December 1st, 1893, Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to install officers.

December 28th, 1893, Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to elect and install officers.

January 3rd, 1894, Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, to parade in full uniform as escort to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., the occasion being its one hundred and seventh annual communication, which was held in the city of Wilmington.

January 18th, Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to elect officers.

January 23rd, 1894, Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to install officers.

February 2nd, 1894, St. George Commandery No. 9, to ballot on the petitions of three Royal Arch Masons in less than the statutory time, also to confer the Order of the Temple on a companion of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross by request of Plantagenet Commandery No. 1.

February 16th, 1894, DeMolai Commandery No. 11, to install officers.

March 7th, 1894, Raleigh Commandery No. 4, to ballot at a regular Conclave on the petition of Companion Z. P. Smith, without the lapse of time prescribed by law.

April 2nd, 1894, St. George Commandery No. 9, to install officers.

April 20th, 1894, Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, to appear in public May 3rd, wearing full uniform, the purpose being to celebrate Ascension Day.

April 28th, 1894, St. Aldemar Commandery U. D., to appear in public May 3rd, wearing full uniform, the purpose being to celebrate Ascension Day.

COMMANDERIES CONSTITUTED.

Acting under a law of the Grand Encampment making it imperative that every Commandery to render its Charter effective must be regularly constituted, I have the honor to submit the following report of Commanderies constituted by me during the year:

June 23rd, 1893, DeMolai Commandery No. 11, Oxford.

July 7th, 1893, St. Johns Commandery No. 10, Newbern.

April 2nd, 1894, St. George Commandery No. 9, Tarboro.

VISITATIONS.

I have had the honor and enjoyed the pleasure of making the following visitations the past year:

I regret exceedingly that for unavoidable reasons, I have been unable to do more for this very important branch of the work. The other Grand Officers have, I trust, found it convenient to give a larger share of their time and attention to the matter, and are prepared to submit to the Grand Commandery a full report of their action under this head.

February 16th, 1894, I visited DeMolai Commandery, No. 11, Oxford, and had the honor of installing their officers. There was a good attendance of Sir Knights present, and I shall, with pleasure, long remember the very kind and courteous treatment I received at the hands of these clever fraters. They seem to be imbued with a proper Masonic spirit, and I hope and believe there is a bright future for them.

At a special Conclave, called by E. Sir J. H. Hackburn, Commander, April 15th, 1894, I made an official visit to St. Johns Commandery, No. 10, Newbern. While the notice given was short, nearly every member of the Commandery was present, by whom I was received with the courtesy characteristic of these bright and enthusiastic Sir Knights. Their record the past year is one of which they may well be proud, and I congratulate E. Sir Hackburn and members of St. Johns Commandery.

Finding it impossible to visit Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, and Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, which I had hoped to be able to do before the meeting of the Grand Commandery, I requested E. Sir J. C. Chase, Grand Captain General, to visit the former, and E. Sir P. A. Wilson, Grand Generalissimo,

the latter, as my representatives. I trust they have found it convenient to perform these duties.

DECISIONS.

I am pleased to state that but a single point of law has been submitted to me for decision, and the subject of Templar Jurisprudence has therefore received a small share of my attention

Question from Charlotte Commandery, No. 2: Could seven Sir Knights of our Commandery and one Sir Knight from another Commandery as a visitor open and transact business in the Commandery?

Answer—No.

Question 2—In the event that business was done in a Commandery opened as above, would petitions presented and referred be illegal if acted upon by committee of investigation and reported favorably?

Answer—Yes. A Commandery cannot be opened unless there be present the Warrant, one of the first three officers, and at least eight other regular members of the Commandery—in other words, nine is a quorum in the absence of which no business can be transacted, but a quorum of the members being present the vote of a less number is valid.

APPOINTMENTS.

I have made but one appointment during the year, and in doing so have endeavored to act from a high sense of duty in the matter and to guard well the fair name and reputation of Templar Masonry.

February 20th, 1894, I had the honor to appoint E. Sir Sidney L. Alderman Commander of Ivauhoe Commandery, No. 8, Grand Senior Wardeu Protom of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, that office being left vacant by the death of our lamented frater, E. Sir George Lampman.

NEW RITUAL.

September 18th, 1893, I received the following general and special orders:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A.,	}
GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,	
CORUNNA, MICHIGAN.	

General Orders, No. 1.

I. I have received official notice from our Grand Recorder that he has disbursed, in conformity to the resolution adopted in 1892 (see page 138 of Proceedings), to the several Grand Commanderies and Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Encampment, "The Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple," adopted at the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held at Denver, Colorado, August, 1892.

II. By the authority in me vested I hereby officially promulgate the said Rituals as the Rituals to be used by all Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment and holding

allegiance thereto, and after the 1st day of January, 1894, the conferring the Orders of Knighthood by any other form or Ritual is prohibited.

Special Orders, No. 1.

I. I commend to the careful perusal and attention of all Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders, and Eminent Commanders and Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies, the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of 1892, especially that portion which pertains to the Rituals, to be found on pages 119, 128, 138, 139 and 158.

II. Special notice is called to the resolution on page 138, by which it will be observed that no authority is conferred on the Grand Master (nor any other officer or Sir Knight) to furnish extra copies to any Grand or Subordinate Commandery, nor a copy to any individual Sir Knight. District Deputies or Inspectors, appointed by Grand Commanders, are not entitled to Rituals, as no provision was made to furnish them.

III. Attention is also called to the resolutions on pages 158-9. The officers therein mentioned will proceed, without any unnecessary delay, to carry out its instructions. Grand Recorders will report as required to V. E. Sir Knight Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, Richmond, Va., on the Form issued from his office. The resolutions referred to do not require the surrender of the Ritual of Malta adopted in 1883.

IV. All Rituals are the property of the Grand Encampment. Such of them, of Edition of 1892, as have been, or may be issued, must pass from the custody of Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain Generals and Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies, and Eminent Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies to their successors in office. Recorders of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies are charged with the duty of seeing that such transfer is made, and of making proper record of such transfer.

Done in the city of Corunna, State of Michigan, this 8th day of September, 1893.

HUGH McCURDY,

Grand Master.

Teste: WM. B. ISAACS,

Grand Recorder.

At the suggestion of our Grand Recorder, E. Sir H. H. Munson, I directed him to issue a circular calling attention to the law governing Rituals, which he did as follows:

OFFICE OF THE E. GRAND RECORDER, }
WILMINGTON, N. C., September 22nd, 1893. }

To Eminent Commanders within this Grand Jurisdiction. Greeting:

I hereby submit for your guidance, by order of the R. E. Grand Commander, abstracts of the law governing Rituals—p. 128, pro Gr. Enc., 1892:

“*Resolved*, That the Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, this day adopted,

bc, and are hereby declared to be, the only Rituals of the Grand Encampment of the United States for those Orders. They may be used as soon as lawfully promulgated. After the first day of January, A. D., 1894, no other Rituals for these Orders shall be used within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment."

Pages 138-9: "All Rituals to be the property of the Grand Encampment, to be held by those to whom issued only so long as they remain in office, and to be by them delivered to their successors at the time of their installation.

Receipts shall be taken from each person to whom a copy of the Ritual is issued, conditioned, that it shall be delivered to his successor or returned to the Grand Recorder. The Recorder of the Grand Encampment and the Recorders of the several Grand Commanderies shall each keep a record of the names of persons to whom copies of the Ritual may be issued, together with the date of the issue."

HORACE H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

November 20th, 1893, I received the following communication from R. E. Sir Stephen Berry, Portland, Maine:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A., }
OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE, }
PORTLAND, MAINE, November 10, 1893 }

DEAR FRATER:—The following toast has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

To our Most Eminent Grand Master Hugh McCurdy: A hundred thousand Knights Templar send greetings, wishing him a Merry Christmas, with peace, health and happiness.

The Grand Master sends the following response:

To the Valiant Sir Knights of the Nineteenth Century, one hundred thousand strong: Noble sons of illustrious ancestors, whose Knightly lives shed increasing lustre upon a glorious past and illumine the present with the inspiring hope of a brighter future.

Will you join in these sentiments on Monday, December 25th, at noon, Eastern Standard time, (equivalent to 5 L. M. Greenwich,) and will you extend the invitation to your command, as well as to all true Templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

STEPHEN BERRY,

Committee,

Portland, Maine.

In response to the above, I had the honor to transmit, December 1st, 1893, the following reply.

MOYTON, N. C., December 1st, 1893.

R. E. Sir Stephen Berry, Portland, Maine:

DEAR FRATER:—I am in receipt of your esteemed and courteous favor of November 10th. The valiant Knights of the Old North State send cordial

greetings, and at the appointed time will most heartily join in the toast to our worthy Grand Master Most Eminent Hugh McCurdy With loyal hearts we echo the good wishes, and Knightly sentiments so beautifully expressed, and congratulate our distinguished frater upon his warm and eloquent response.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

F. M. MOYE,

Grand Commander.

I was glad to receive general order No. 2, issued from the office of M. E. Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master, making the announcement that a commission had been issued to R. E. W. B. Isaacs empowering him to visit the Grand Commandery of North Carolina for official inspection. I hope we may have the great pleasure of greeting our distinguished frater. We would esteem it a very high honor to have him with us at this Grand Conclave, assuring him that a hearty welcome awaits him.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Having in view the best interests of Templar Masonry, I felt it my duty to issue the following general orders:

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR)
OF NORTH CAROLINA,
MOYTON, N. C., August 15th, 1893. }

General Order No. 1.

After due consideration of the matter involved, I have the honor as Grand Commander to announce the following assignment of Subordinate Commanderies to the Grand Officers for Official Visitation the present Templar year, the purpose being to inspect and instruct the same:

V. E. Sir A. H. Cobb, Deputy Grand Commander—Charlotte Commandery No. 2; Piedmont Commandery, No. 6; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8.

E. Sir P. A. Wilson, Grand Generalissimo—Durham Commandery, No. 3; Raleigh Commandery, No. 4; DeMolai Commandery, No. 11.

E. Sir J. C. Chase, Grand Captain General—Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7; St. George Commandery, No. 9.

F. M. Moye, Grand Commander—Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1; Cyrene Commandery, No. 5; St. John Commandery, No. 10.

In calling their attention to the great importance of the duties thus imposed, I predict that the officers named will, in the performance of them, add much to their own pleasure and contribute largely to the prosperity of Templar Masonry in North Carolina.

A brief report will be made of the action of said officers under this appointment to this office, to be followed by one more in detail at the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

F. M. MOYE,

Grand Commander.

Attest: H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

I recommend and strongly endorse the system of official visitation inaugurated by the Grand Commandery a few years ago. If it could be properly carried out, I am satisfied that it would result in great good, and tend largely to the upbuilding of the order.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
GRAND COMMANDER'S OFFICE, }
MOYTON, N. C., Sept. 15, 1893. }

General Order No. 2.

In conformity to a resolution unanimously adopted at the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held at Denver, Colorado, August, 1892, and in obedience to an order of Most Eminent Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master Knights Templar U. S. A., issued the 8th day of September, 1893, it becomes my duty as Grand Commander to call in from the Subordinate Commanderies all the old Rituals, copies of Essentials and Keys that have been issued to them; also from all officers Rituals, &c., in their possession except the Ritual of Malta adopted in 1883, the surrender of which is not required by said resolution.

The Commanders of the several Subordinate Commanderies are expected to give prompt attention to this order, and they are charged with the duty of seeing its instructions carried out without unnecessary delay.

The Recorders are hereby directed to forward at once by express to Eminent Sir H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Wilmington, N. C., all such Rituals, copies of Essentials, and Keys as are herein described.

After the 1st day of January, 1894, the new Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and the Valiant and Maguanimous Order of the Temple, recently disbursed by the Grand Recorder, will only be allowed in conferring the Orders of Knighthood.

F. M. MOYE,
Grand Commander.

Attest : H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

I am informed by our Grand Recorder that all the instructions contained in this order relative to the old Rituals have been strictly carried out, and that a copy of the new Ritual has been placed in the hands of the Commanders of the several subordinate Commanderies.

I do not apprehend a further change in the work for many years to come, and therefore earnestly hope the Officers of the Commanderies will, by careful study, make themselves proficient in the sublime ceremonies which it teaches.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
GRAND COMMANDER'S OFFICE, }
MOYTON, N. C., December 9th, 1893. }

General Order No. 3.

To the Commander of the several Subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction :

Your attention is courteously directed to the following resolution, adopted at the late Triennial Conclave at Deuver:

Resolved, That the Grand Encanpment approves, and gives its official sanction to the observance of Christmas day by Knights Templar, either in their official capacity or as Commanderies, and that annually there be a Christmas Toast and response prepared and transmitted to all Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Encanpment.

The following toast has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy: A hundred thousand Knights Templar send greetings, wishing him a Merry Christmas, with peace, health and happiness.

The Grand Master sends the following response:

To the Valiant Sir Knights of the Nineteenth Century, one hundred thousand strong: Noble sons of illustrious ancestors, whose Knightly lives shed increasing lustre upon a glorious past and illumine the present with the inspiring hope of a brighter future.

The custom of pledging the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States in a toast annually on Christmas day is a beautiful one, and commends itself to all true Templars.

In answer to the Knightly invitation of R. E. Stephen Berry, of Maine, Committee on Christmas Observance to this Command, to participate in the same on Monday, December 25th, at noon, eastern standard time, let the valiant and loyal Knights of the Old North State send cordial greetings, and in no uncertain tones give expression to their feelings of sincere regard and affection for our distinguished and Most Eminent Frater.

To this end I most earnestly request and urge that each Commandery be called to assemble at their Asylums on the day indicated, and in such manner as may seem most appropriate join in the good wishes and Knightly sentiments so beautifully expressed by the committee, to which our Grand Master has sent a ringing and eloquent response.

Your early favor containing information regarding your action under this order is courteously requested.

F. M. MOYE,
Grand Commander.

Attest: H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

I am pleased to say that some of the Commanderies made prompt and hearty response to my order, while others, for good reasons, I have no doubt, failed to do so. Whatever the cause, I am fully prepared to vouch for the courteous and gallant Knights of the Old North State, and to assure our Most Eminent Grand Master of their devoted loyalty and willingness under all circumstances to yield a cheerful obedience to his commands.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
MOYTON, N. C., February 20, 1894. }

General Order, No. 4.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, and the Several Subordinate Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction :

SIR KNIGHTS :—Another valiant Knight has sheathed his sword forever and entered, we confidently hope, upon the rich reward that awaits the faithful Templar in the Eternal World. With unfeigned sorrow, we mourn the loss of our esteemed and beloved Frater Eminent Sir George Lampman, Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina.

On Monday, January 29, the Angel of Death entered his home in the city of Greensboro, and there is a void left in our hearts and a vacant chair is seen in the once happy home circle.

While it becomes my official duty it pains me deeply to make this sad announcement. The Order has suffered the loss of a most exemplary and useful member.

Born in Canada more than fifty years ago, he married there and afterwards removed with his family to Ohio, where he resided before coming to North Carolina in search of a climate which he hoped would be beneficial to the health of his invalid wife.

Locating at Greensboro, our beautiful little City of Flowers, he continued to live there until his death, enjoying in a marked degree the respect and esteem of all who knew him. As an officer of his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and as an officer of the Grand Commandery, and Grand Chapter, of which latter he was Captain of the Host at the time of his death, he was ever true and faithful in the discharge of all his official duties.

Loving our noble Order with his whole heart, he richly deserved the honor conferred upon him, and was eminently worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

The veil of death conceals from us the once genial, smiling face of our dear Frater, but he shall ever have a green spot in our memories, and a warm place in our hearts which years cannot change or time efface.

We will strive to emulate his bright masonic example, for in his life and character were beautifully blended those most excellent qualities: Faith, Hope and Charity, with Justice, Fortitude and Mercy.

As a mark of respect to the memory of our late well-beloved Grand Senior Warden, it is ordered that this memorial be read at the head of the lines, and made a matter of record in each Subordinate Commandery, at the first stated Conclave after its reception; and as a further token of fraternal regard, that the jewels and banners of the Commanderies, and swords of the Sir Knights be draped in mourning for the term of six months.

The office of Grand Senior Warden being left vacant by the death of Eminent Sir George Lampman, I have appointed as his successor *pro tem* Sir Knight Sidney L. Alderman, of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, who will serve in that position until the next Grand Couclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

F. M. MOYE,
Grand Commander.

Attest :—H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Turning my eyes to the station of the Grand Senior Warden I look in vain, Sir Knights, for the familiar form of one who in life we loved and delighted to honor. We miss to-night the genial presence, the open, candid face and warm handshake of our lamented frater, George Lampman. He was indeed a true, generous, noble hearted man and Mason, and on his breast to be seen of all men he wore the pure white rose of Knightly honor.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have comparatively little under this head to submit for your consideration, but there are a few matters which I consider of importance to the craft, to which I desire to direct your attention. The statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery are at present in an unsatisfactory condition, being found only in the several printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery, and I suggest that the Grand Recorder be authorized to collect all such laws and regulations to date, and publish them in pamphlet form, with instructions to send as many copies as may be desirable to the Subordinate Commanderies. This can be done at a mere nominal cost, and the outlay will in my opinion be a good instrument for the Grand Commandery.

It is a matter of regret that some Sir Knights have not provided themselves with uniforms. This, I am persuaded, has in various ways worked to the detriment of the Order. I would recommend that the Commanderies take the matter in hand and endeavor to secure from the manufacturers easy terms of payment for those Sir Knights who are pecuniarily unable to pay at once for a full Templar outfit.

I strongly approve the resolution of the Grand Encampment, which gives its official sanction to the observance of Christmas Day by Knights Templar, and earnestly recommend that this beautiful practice become a custom in

our Jurisdiction. Let each Commandery or two or more Commanderies conveniently located assemble each year on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Christ who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As our next Grand Conclave will be held but a short while before the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Eueampment at Boston, I would suggest that it might be well at this time to discuss and determine as far as possible what part the Grand Commandery of North Carolina will take in that important meeting of Knights Templar of the United States. I leave the whole matter in your hands, not doubting that you will give it that consideration which it deserves.

CONCLUSION.

Having served you, Sir Knights, as best I could in the office of Grand Commander, I now, with a profound appreciation of the high compliment paid me, return to you the important trust which your partiality committed to my hands one year ago. The duties devolving upon me, as before stated, have not been onerous, but I have at all times been impressed with a deep sense of the responsibility resting upon me, and have maintained, I trust, the honor and dignity which pertains to the exalted station of Grand Commander. While I am painfully aware of my many short comings, I feel that my heart at least has been in the work and that it was for no lack of interest on my part that greater results have not been accomplished. The widespread financial disturbance in the country has doubtless, as in other matters, greatly retarded our progress, but the signs, I think, portend better times. The night is far spent and a brighter day is dawning, the dark cloud is drifting and we begin at last to see the silver lining.

I have given you, Sir Knights, a detailed report of all the official duties which as Grand Commander I have had the honor to perform, and now, as a parting word, let me urge you ever to be zealous and vigilant for the honor of Knighthood.

As Templar Masons let us imitate in our lives and actions the undaunted courage of our brave predecessors, who surrendered their lives for principles which are immortal and can never die. To write the story of the Templars Order for the two centuries of its existence, would, says an eminent writer, "be to write the Latin history of Palestine and would occupy a volume. Its details would be accounts of glorious struggles with the infidel in defence of the Holy Land, of Christian pilgrimage sometimes successful, often disastrous, of burning sands well moistened with the blood of Christian and Saracen warriors, of contests with the rival Knights of St. John, of final forced departure from the place which its prowess had conquered, terminated at last by martyrdom and dissolution," and soon, beloved Sir Knights, we shall follow that martyred band of Christian warriors to their lonely camping grounds over the dark River, soon the glittering swords we wear proudly by our sides will be sheathed forever, and we will all enter upon a long and dreamless sleep.

Clothed in the habiliments of righteousness, let us henceforth walk in that light which shall wax brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, that light which flashes from the Cross, stained with the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God, and at last, amid the crash and wreck of worlds, when sun and stars have sunk into night, and time unveils Eternity, when the Son of Man in the glory of His Father shall with His Holy Angels descend the shining pathway of the skies, and the great White Throne is set, we will awake from our slumbers in the shadowy land of spirits, and from the Compassionate Judge receive the thrilling invitation, "Come ye blessed, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," while with enraptured souls we exclaim, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

F. M. MOYE,
Grand Commander.

The V E. Deputy Commander and Grand Generalissimo submitted verbal reports.

The Grand Captain General, John C. Chase, reported as follows:

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 5th, 1894.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

I submit herewith a report of my official acts for the past Templar year.

In conformity to General Order No. 1, I officially visited and inspected Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, at Wilson, N. C., on April 30th. I find this Commandery maintaining its previous standard of efficiency and in good condition. I regret, however, that it is not able to show any increase of numbers during the year past, but am assured that they have prospective work in the near future.

Sir Knight James E. Clark, a member of this Commandery, having died the day before, the Conclave also served as a funeral escort. Several Sir Knights from Tarboro and Enfield were in attendance, which assisted to make the parade very satisfactory in point of numbers, and the general effect was highly creditable to the Sir Knights participating. The Knightly zeal of the visiting fraters as manifested by their prompt response to a very brief notice deserves commendation. The burial service was conducted in a solemn and impressive manner.

While regretting the sad occasion which led to this appearance in public, I cannot help feeling that it will serve to call attention to the sublime principles of our Order, as well as the personel of its members, and eventually have a beneficial effect on the fortunes of this Commandery.

I am under obligations to the Sir Knights of this Commandery for official and personal courtesies extended to me, which fully maintain their former reputation in this respect, and sincerely hope that the end of another year will show a gratifying increase in their numbers.

In accordance with a telegram from the R. E. Grand Commander stating his inability to be present, and desiring me to officiate in his place, I visited Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, in this city, on Thursday evening, May 3rd, the Conclave being held for the purpose of observing Ascension Day with suitable religious services. You, of course, will appreciate the diffidence with which I report upon the efficiency of my own Commandery. I find it in a sound and healthy condition, and while showing no additions to its numbers the past year, has four petitions for presentation at the next Conclave. It is well equipped with the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the Orders in a first class manner, and the members are all provided with uniforms. It is a matter of regret that fully one-fourth of the members are non-resident, which makes them unavailable for any duty connected with the Commandery. The usual routine of rehearsal, inspection and review was gone through with in a highly satisfactory manner, after which the Commandery, preceded by the Second Regiment Band, marched to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, where the Ascension Day service was conducted by Rev. and Sir Knight A. D. McClure as acting Prelate, who also delivered an admirable address on the symbolism of the Cross. On the conclusion of the service the Commandery paraded through some of the principal streets on its way to the Asylum.

I am pleased to commend this public appearance as being creditable in every particular, and trust that the observance of this day may become a regular occurrence. I am also confident that public appearances of Knights Templar for any proper cause will materially add to the prosperity of the Order. It afforded me much pleasure to be present and participate on this auspicious occasion, and I am also indebted to the Sir Knights for a courteous and genial reception.

On May 4th, I visited, as required by General Order No. 1, St. George Commandery, No. 9, of Tarboro. Their numbers are small, but they are animated by a degree of enthusiasm that augurs well for Templarism in this locality. Eight of the twelve resident members responded to the call to attend the Templar funeral service of Mt. Lebanon Commandery previously mentioned. They have made a substantial gain during the year, with other accessions probable in the near future. The officers are enthusiastic, and I am confident that another year will find this Commandery occupying an advanced position on the roll.

I am under obligations to the Sir Knights of Tarboro for their courteous welcome, and regret that my stay among them could not have been longer.

I would also mention that in March I had the pleasure of visiting Trinity Commandery, No. 1, of Manchester, N. H., on the occasion of the Official Visitation of the Grand Officers. The Grand Commander, learning of my presence, extended an urgent invitation to join his official suite, and I received a most courteous welcome and the attention due an official of the

Grand Commandery I had the honor to represent. I assure you it afforded me much pleasure to be thus received by the Fraters of my native State.

Courteously submitted,

JOHN C. CHASE,

Grand Captain General.

A telegram was received from Sir Henry I. Clark, E. Grand Junior Warden, regretting that sickness prevented attendance at this Grand Conclave and expressing the wish for a glorious meeting.

The following resolution was, on motion of Sir James Southgate, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery hereby grant permission to any of its subordinates to celebrate in full Templar uniform Ascension Day without the usual dispensation.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

I herewith submit my report of the transactions of this office during the current year:

May 15, 1893. In obedience to an order of the Grand Commandery I issued the following charters: St. Johns Commandery, No. 10, Newbern; DeMolai Commandery, No. 11, Oxford. Same day sent draft on Grand Treasurer Wm. Simpson to the General Grand Recorder, W. B. Isaacs, to pay dues to the Grand Encampment. Distributed circulars of elected officers.

June 13, 1893. Distributed proceedings of Grand Commandery. Issued General Order No. 1 relating to inspection of Subordinate Commanderies by Grand Officers.

Sept. 21, 1893. Issued General Order No. 2 of Grand Commander relating to Rituals. Sent to Eminent Commanders circulars containing the Law of the Grand Encampment concerning Rituals.

Dec. 13, 1893. Issued General Order No. 3 of Grand Commander relating to Christmas day.

Feb. 23, 1894. Issued General Order No. 4 of Grand Commander announcing the death of Sir Knight Geo. Lampman. Issued order Grand Commander to Sir Sidney L. Alderman, appointing him Grand Senior Warden to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Sir Geo. Lampman.

I have fitted up an office (rent free) in the building I occupy for business purposes. In it is stored the property of the Grand Commandery in con-

nection with that of the Grand Chapter, the expenses being divided between the two Grand Bodies. I have had one volume of our Proceedings bound, so that we have now two volumes, containing the Proceedings from 1886 to 1891 inclusive. I acknowledge an indebtedness to the Grand Commandery of Ohio for a bound copy of their Proceedings from 1887 to 1890

Proceedings of the following Fraternal Bodies have been received for 1893:

Alabama,	Maryland,
Arkansas,	Montana,
Arizona,	New Jersey,
Connecticut,	North Dakota,
California,	New York,
Colorado,	New Hampshire,
Canada,	Nebraska,
Georgia,	Oregon,
Indiana,	Ohio,
Iowa,	Pennsylvania,
Illinois,	South Dakota,
Kentucky,	Tennessee,
Kansas,	Texas,
Louisiana,	Vermont,
Missouri,	Virginia,
Mississippi,	West Virginia,
Michigan,	Wyoming,
Minnesota,	Wisconsin,
Maine,	Washington.

The following amounts have been received :

1893.	
June 5.	St. Aldermar Commandery, No. 12, Enfield..... \$ 90 00 ✓
1894.	
April 3.	St. John's Commandery, No. 10, Newbern..... 18 00 ✓
12.	Raleigh Commandery, No 4, Raleigh..... 39 00 ✓
14.	Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Wilmington 42 00 ✓
16.	Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Charlotte..... 42 00 ✓
24.	Durham Commandery, No. 3, Durham..... 28 00 ✓
May 5.	Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, Wilson..... 27 00 ✓
7.	Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, Greensboro..... 20 00 ✓
8.	Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, Winston..... 34 00 ✓
8.	Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Asheville..... 51 00 ✓
Total,.....\$391 00	

I cannot close this brief report without noticing the death of George Cooper Conner, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, who departed this life March 9, 1894. Not only in his own State, but with

the Fraternity at large his loss will be severely felt. Associated with him upon the Ritual Committee for a short period only, I think I formed a pretty good estimate of the man. He was an Irishman—an intelligent Irishman, and whenever you find such an one, they are generally choice spirits. I cannot do better, or convey my appreciation of his character in more fitting terms than to quote from his obituary notice: "His wonderful versatility, matchless qualities of head and heart, comprehensive learning, untiring industry, magnetism, and attractive social qualities, endeared him to all of those favored by his acquaintance."

William P. Jnnis, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, rested from his earthly labors August 2, 1893. Filling the office of Grand Commander like his confere, Sir Conner, he, in 1871, was elected Grand Recorder and held that office at the time of his death. He was a notable character in the Grand Encampment, beloved and honored among those with whom he came in contact. He rests from his labor and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of his friends.

Our own Jurisdiction has suffered in the loss of good and true men, whose memorials will be written by those whom the Grand Commander shall designate for that important work.

I congratulate the Grand Commandery upon the work accomplished by the Grand Commander during the current year and upon the general prosperity which seems to have befallen our lot.

Courteously submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1893.		DR.		
June	1.	To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$523	68
1894.		CR.		
May	8.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	391	00—\$914 68
1893.		CR.		
June	6.	By cash paid dues Grand Encampment.....	\$ 14	25
	7.	" " " F. M. Moye, Gr. Generalissimo....	29	85
	21.	" " " M S. Heinsberger.....	1	25
	21.	" " " Thos. C. Craft.....	21	40
	21.	" " " Jackson & Bell, Printing.....	108	70
	21.	" " " Samnel G. Hall.....	3	00
	21.	" " " H. H. Munson.....	10	68
July	11.	" " " Shannon, Miller & Crane.....	68	25
1894.				
Feb.	12.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	20	66
April	18.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	67	65
May	17.	" " " F. M. Moye, Gr. Commander.....	52	17
	17.	" " " R. H. Bradley, Gr. Sentinel.....	12	75
	17.	" " " Wm. Simpson, Gr. Treasurer.....	10	00
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WILLIAM SIMPSON,

Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Commandery, through Sir Walter S. Creasy, accepted an invitation from Charlotte Commandery to attend an entertainment at Latta Park at 5 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Commandery adjourned 'till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION, MAY 9.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment. Officers in their stations. The proceedings of last night's session were read and approved. Sir Knights William W. Allen, Past Grand Commander, and Geo. W. Blount, Past Grand Generalissimo, appeared and took their seats.

Sir Knight James Southgate, of the Committee on Grand Commander's address, reported as follows, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON R. E. GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander have considered the same and beg leave to report : That Knighthood in North Carolina is to be congratulated and the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due to the Grand Commander in view of the excellent work accomplished during his administration of the affairs of our noble and magnanimous Order. The advancement made during the year now closing should inspire each Sir Knight to redouble his diligence in carrying out our principles and bearing aloft our banners until Christian Knighthood shall illumine the dark places in our State and each hamlet and village and city shall establish a Commandery of Templars, whose grand mission is to "espouse the cause of the Christian religion, distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted." We recommend that so much of the address as refers to new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the distinguished dead of this and other Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to the Decisions made be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the appointment of E. Sir S. L. Alderman, as Grand Senior Warden, in the place of E. Sir George Lampman, deceased, be approved.

That so much as refers to Ritual be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, as also the General Orders issued.

That the recommendation of the Grand Commander relative to Printing the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, be approved.

That so much as refers to the question of Uniforms be referred to a special committee of three.

That the question of celebrating Christmas Day be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to Representation at the Annual Conclave at Boston be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is courteously submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
JOHN C. CHASE,
JOHN J. THORNTON,

Adopted.

Committee.

The Grand Commander appointed as special committees on the above report:

On Uniform: Sir Knights Geo. W. Blount, Geo. Howard, Jr., and William F. Randolph.

On Christmas Observance: Sir Knights Walter S. Creasy, Richard H. Grant and Mumford D. Bailey.

On Grand Encampment: Sir Knights William W. Allen, David G. Maxwell and William A. Withers.

Sir Knight Benj. R. Lacy, from the Finance Committee, reported as follows, which was adopted:

Eminent Grand Commander:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them correct.

Your committee desire to call attention to the valuable services rendered this Grand Commandery by Eminent Captain General Sir Knight John C. Chase in writing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and as a slight testimonial of our appreciation we recommend that this Grand Commandery pay his expenses to this Grand Conclave.

B. R. LACY,
J. J. THORNTON,
J. W. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted their report which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report recommending that a Charter be granted to St. Aldemar Commandery of Enfield to rank No. 12.

D. E. ALLEN,
W. H. APPLEWHITE,
D. G. MAXWELL,

Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight John J. Thornton, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the direction of Sir Knights John W. Thompson, Joseph H. Hackburn and Mumford D. Bailey, resulting as follows :

ALPHONSO H. COBB.....Asheville.....R. E. Grand Commander.
JOHN C. CHASE.....Wilmington.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
WALTER S. LIDDELL.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
WILLIAM A. WITHERS . RaleighE. Grand Captain General.
REV. W. S. CREASY.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Prelate.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN...NewbernE. Grand Senior Warden.
GEO. HOWARD, JR.....TarboroE. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....Raleigh.....E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....Wilmington... E. Grand Recorder.
WALTER E. STORM.....Wilmington....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
MUMFORD D. BAILEY...Winston.....E. Grand Sword bearer.
WM. F. RANDOLPH.....Asheville.....E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY...RaleighE. Grand Sentinel.

The following Grand Representatives were accorded a cordial welcome :

Nebraska.....Alphonso H. Cobb.
Indiana.....James Southgate.
Kansas.....William Simpson.
North Dakota.....Jos. H. Hackburn.
Washington.....John C. Chase.
Wyoming.....William A. Withers.
Ohio.....John J. Thornton.
Tennessee.....Geo. W. Blount.
West Virginia.....Wm. W. Allen.
Maryland.....William F. Randolph.
New Hampshire.....James C. Munds.
New York.....Horace H. Munson.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....Geo. H. King.
Minnesota.....F. M. Moye.

On motion of Sir Wm. Simpson, the following was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder extend the fraternal greetings of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Commanderies of Georgia, Alabama and West Virginia, who are now in Grand Conclave. The following telegrams were sent : The Grand Commandery of North Carolina, now in Grand Conclave assembled, send fraternal greetings to your Grand Commandery.

H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Commandery met according to adjournment. Grand Officers occupying their stations. The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The R. E. Grand Commander introduced Sir Knight Daniel P. Boynton, of Maine, who responded with the following telegram :

The Grand Master sends greetings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery on behalf of Maine.

Signed,

STEPHEN BERRY,

Grand Secretary.

The following was adopted :

Sir Jos. H. Hackburn from the Committee on time and place of next Grand Conclave recommend Durham as the place and the 2nd Tuesday in May, 1895, as the time.

The Committee on Uniform submitted the following report :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Uniform beg leave to report that Subordinate Commanderies request petitioners for the orders of Knighthood to deposit a sufficient sum with the Recorder to insure the purchase of Uniforms, to the end that they may be fully qualified before the Knight Templar Order is conferred.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,

GEO. HOWARD, JR.,

WM. F. RANDOLPH,

Committee.

Adopted.

Sir John C. Chase, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence have considered the portions of the Grand Commander's address assigned to them and submit the following :

We fully approve the only decision made during the year, and believe the dispensations are all in strict conformity to the laws governing the several cases.

We most heartily approve the Grand Commander's requirement, that in all cases where dispensations have been issued to ballot in less than the statutory time, it has been on condition that due notice of the proposed action should be given to each member of the Commandery.

The various General Orders are appropriate, and meet with our approval.

The resolution referred specially relating to the observance of Ascension Day without the necessity of procuring a special dispensation, is contrary to the law of the Grand Encampment, (Title XII, Section 31), which says : "Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without the permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions." And, therefore, the resolution cannot be approved.

In lieu thereof, we recommend that hereafter the R. E. Grand Commander issue each year at the proper time, a General Order permitting the various Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction to observe either or all of the following named days for attending Divine service, in full Templar uniform, viz: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Ascension Day, with the requirement that all Commanderies taking advantage of the order make due report to the R. E. Grand Commander.

Courteously submitted,

PETER A. WILSON,

JOHN C. CHASE,

Committee.

The following report was adopted :

ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

Your committee to whom the subject of Christmas Observance was intrusted, beg leave to report, that they deem it eminently proper and in harmony with the principles of our Valiant and Magnanimous Order that wherever and whenever practicable that our subordinate commanderies celebrate in a suitable and becoming manner the birth of the world's Redeemer on the 25th day of December.

And further, That we deem it proper and helpful to the strengthening of the universal bonds of brotherhood and love for each other that on said

Christmas day we should send greetings, conveying our best wishes and prayers to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Courteously submitted,

W. S. CREASY,
R. H. GRANT,
M. D. BAILY.

Sir Walter S. Creasy, appointed a Committee on Necrology, submitted the following, which was adopted :

NECROLOGY.

Tributes in beautiful language, couched in tender and sympathetic words, have been paid in the reports of Grand Officers of this Commandery to our beloved and lamented deceased fraters, which have found a responsive chord in all our hearts. Our heart prompts us to say more in token of esteem and love, but words are inadequate to express our sorrow. We would, therefore, in token of our love and esteem for the beloved fraters who have crossed the mystic river, courteously recommend that suitable pages in our proceedings be dedicated to their memory.

Courteously,

WALTER S. CREASY,
Committee.

Sir G. W. Meredith, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report as follows: That they have thoroughly examined the Minutes of the last Annual Grand Conclave held at Tarboro, and find that no unfinished business appears therein.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO W. MEREDITH,
B. R. LACY,
JAMES C. MUNDS.

The following telegrams in response to those sent were received :

F. M. Moyer, Grand Commander Knights Templar :

"The Grand Commandery of Alabama reciprocate your fraternal greeting. May peace and prosperity attend you.

E. R. HASTINGS,
Grand Recorder."

ATLANTA, May 9, 1894.

H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder Knights Templar, Charlotte, N. C.

With pleasure the Grand Commandery of Georgia reciprocates the Knightly greeting.

S. P. HAMILTON,
Grand Recorder.

WESTON, WEST VA., May 9, 1894.

Horace H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Charlotte, N. C.

The Grand Commandery of West Virginia, most fraternally return the greetings of North Carolina. May peace and harmony prevail throughout your domains.

R. C. DUNNINGTON,

Grand Recorder.

Sir Wm. W. Allen, P. G. C. submitted the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery be appointed a committee to take into consideration the visit of this Grand Commandery to the Triennial Conclave at Boston, in August, 1895. Ascertain the cost, the amount Subordinate Commanderies *will* contribute, the amount the Grand Commandery *can* contribute and take action in the matter.

The Grand Commandery adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Commandery met at 8 o'clock. Officers as usual. The proceedings of the Afternoon Session were read and approved.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by the retiring Grand Commander F. M. Moye, assisted by Sir Jno. W. Thompson, Grand Marshal.

Sir Wm. F. Randolph offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery are due and hereby tendered to the Sir Knights of Charlotte Commandery No. 2, to the ladies and citizens generally, for their kind and courteous attention to the members of this Grand Body while in session here.

Sir Knight J. C. Chase offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we note with pleasure the creation of the new Grand Commandery of Arizona since our last Conclave, and we hereby extend a courteous and hearty welcome to this new member of the sisterhood of Grand Commanderies.

The Committee of Correspondence, through its chairman, Sir Knight J. C. Chase, submitted their report, which was accepted.



No farther business appearing, the Minutes of the Night Session were read and approved and the Grand Commandery closed in ample and Knightly form.

✠ ALPHONSO H. COBB,
Grand Commander.

Attest :

✠ *Horace H. Munson*
Grand Recorder.

NOTE.—The banquet at night took us by STORM. The bright, handsome faces of the ladies present inspired the speakers. The NOTES of the quartet favoring us with their delightful music could not be discounted ; while McAdens cheerful voice calling time—suggested thirst which we assuaged in the purest of Adams Ale. Long will we remember our visit to the beautiful city of Charlotte and the kindly attention of mine host of the Central.

RETURNS

OF

Subordinate Commanderies.

FOR THE YEAR 1894.



PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month, 8 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Storm.....	Eminent Commander.
Richard H. Grant.....	Generalissimo.
George L. Morton.....	Captain General.
George Z. French.....	Prelate.
James C. Munds.....	Treasurer.
M. C. S. Noble.....	Recorder.
James W. Monroe.....	Senior Warden.
Ed. P. Bailey.....	Junior Warden.
James W. Jackson.....	Standard Bearer.
Uel M. Robinson.....	Sword Bearer.
James C. Loder.....	Warder.
Thos. H. Johnson.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, W. W., P. G. C.	Harriss, George.	Price, Richard W.
Boatwright, E. P.	Jones, W. C.	Richards, Elias.
Chadbourn, Jr., Jas. H.	Kenan, Wm. R., P. E. C.	Scott, A. L.
Chadbourn, Wm. H. P. E. C.	Knowles, F. Marion.	Smallbones, H. G.
Chase, John C., P. E. C.	Latimer, Ed. S.	Stedman, Frank H.
Comfort, C. I.	Martin, Eugene S., P. E. C.	Smith, William J.
Daniel, John H.	McKethan, D. T.	Toomer, W. P.
Evans, DeLancy.	McEachern, Duncan.	Willard, M. S.
Forshee, Jas. M.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.	Williams, Wm. A.
Hall, Samuel G.	Patrick, Mason M.	Williams, Duncan M.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, No. 2, CHARLOTTE.

Time of stated Conclave : Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Walter S. Liddell.....	Eminent Commander.
Robert E. McDonald.....	Generalissimo.
Edward D. Alleu.....	Captain General.
Walter S. Creasy.....	Prelate.
John W. Wadsworth.....	Treasurer.
Jonathan B. Carpenter.....	Recorder.
William Anderson.....	Senior Warden.
Henry McC. Day.....	Junior Warden.
George W. Merideth.....	Standard Bearer.
Samuel H. Hiltou.....	Sword Bearer.
David G. Maxwell.....	Warder.
William N. Prather.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Boyne, James S.	Farrior, Johu	Page, George A.
Brenizer, Addison G.	Franklin, Thomas S.	Pegram, Samuel S.
Belk, John M.	Hopkins, Charles L.	Quinn, Martin C.
Belk, William H.	Helms, Jefferson D.	Robertson, James F.
Burgess, Eddie S.	Hunt, Frankliu D.	Spings, Henry G.
Curtis, Francis O. S.	King, George H.	Smith, William
Davis, Bertram S.	Lipscomb, Conrad F.	Smith, Robert W.
Dixon, Heury McC.	McAden, John H.	Summersett, William B.
Eccles, Henry C.	Misenheimer, Joseph F.	Worrell, William
Fitzgerald, William H.	Owens, William W.	Young, Earuest F.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave : First Tuesday night.

OFFICERS :

Willam L. Wall.....	Eminent Commander.
James Gattis.....	Generalissimo.
Franklin A. Bishop.....	Captain General.
Edwin A. Yates.....	Prelate.
William A. Slater.....	Treasurer.
James Southgate....	Recorder.
Charles C. Taylor.....	Senior Warden.
William A. Albright.....	Junior Warden.
William R. Israel.....	Standard Bearer.
James W. Blackwell.....	Sword Begrer.

Merritt H. Jones.....	Warder.
Wayland P. Rollins.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS

Atkinson, L. A.	Freeland, John F.	McQueen, Steward.
Bass, Herbert J.	Johnson, Norman M.	Nichols, John.
Battle, Lee W., P. E. C.	Leary, S. Linton.	Varrish, Edward J.
Blackwell, Wm. T.	Lee, John W.	Walker, B.
Carr, Julian S., P. E. C.	Markham, Felix D.	
Cheek, Thomas E.	Markham, John L.	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

W. A. Withers.....	Eminent Commander.
John W. Thompson.....	Generalissimo
William Simpson, P. C.....	Captain General.
Benj. R. Lacy.....	Prelate.
H. B. Greason.....	Treasurer.
John C. Drewry.....	Recorder.
Michael Bowes, P. C.....	Senior Warden.
W. E. Faison.....	Junior Warden.
D. L. Adams.....	Standard Bearer.
Geo. R. Walters.....	Sword Bearer.
W. R. Blake.....	Warder.
R. H. Bradley.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allcott, Wayne.	Hamilton, D. S.	Schneider, Carl.
Andrews, A. B.	Harrell, E. G.	Sexton, J. A.
Blake, T. W.	Heartt, L. D.	Ueltschi, Jacob.
Bain, W. H.	Hicks, W. J.	Uzzell, E. M.
Brewster, J. C.	Irby, Benj.	Wait, S. D.
Busbee, F. H.	Keough, J. B.	Wallen, Chas.
Cowan, H. M.	Massey, C. F.	Watson, F. A.
Dobson, J. F.	Mitchell, R. N.	Wetherell, W. P.
Edwards, C. B.	Potter, E. C.	Woodruff, C. A.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave : Fourth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Wm. F. Randolph.....	Eminent Commander.
John A. Nichols.....	Generalissimo.
Wm. L. Shope.....	Captain General.

Rev. Geo. H. Bell	Prelate.
Henry C. Fagg.....	Treasurer.
David F. Herndon.....	Recorder.
John L. Howard.....	Senior Warden.
Joseph E. Dickerson.....	Junior Warden.
Claudius H. Miller.....	Standard Bearer.
Wm. M. Jarvis.....	Sword Bearer.
John A. Wagner.....	Warder.
Charles C. McCarty.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brookshire, James W.	Gudger, James M.	Porter, Robert R.
Brookshire, John A.	Gudger, Hezekiah A.	Reed, Thomas J.
Burroughs, John A.	Gudger, William J.	Reed, Mark L.
Burrage, John H.	Glenn, Eli R.	Roberson, Marcus W.
Brevard, John D.	Hilliard, William D.	Sprinkles, Wm. C.
Blanton, Charles D.	Jacobs, Fred L. P. E. C.	Smith, James M.
Brank, Joseph.	Lawson, Thomas.	Shartle. John W.
Cobb, Alphonso H. P. E. C.	Moore, Charles A.	Tweed, Charles W.
Collins, David K.	Moore, Walter E.	Vance, Robert B.
Cortland, John W.	McCoy, Thomas C.	Weeks, Francis M.
Cocke, Jr., Wm. M.	Martin, James G.	Wills. Arthur J.
Carter, John H.	Nelson. Rev. Wm. A.	Whitaker, Charles R.
Fullenwider, Edwin H.	Porter, John A., P. G. C.	Hageman, Otto F.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON.

Time of stated Conclave : Fourth Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Mumford D. Bailey.....	Eminent Commander.
Robert E. Dalton.....	Generalissimo.
Robert H. Jones.....	Captain General.
Peter A. Wilson.....	Prelate.
Fred G. Schaum.....	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith.....	Recorder.
James K. Norfleet.....	Senior Warden.
Jesse C. Bessent.....	Junior Warden.
Eugene A. Ebert.....	Standard Bearer.
Edwin D. Rich.....	Sword Bearer.
Thomas L. Farrow.....	Warder.
Peter W. Dalton.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Alsbaugh, J. W.	Hanes, P. H.	Spaugh, E
Allen, S. E.	Hanes, B. F.	Summerell, W. H.

Bahnson, H. T., P. E. C.	Jones, E. L.	White, J. H.
Bahnson, W. G.	Mast, D. P., P. E. C.	White, J. A.
Blair, W. A.	Nelsou, I. H.	Wilson, N. S.
De Vane, D. L.	Price, C. J.	Whitaker, C. L.
Hunter, J. W., P. E. C.	Quincey, G. R.	Yerex, J. W.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

OFFICERS.

J. Bullock.....	Emiuent Commander.
B. F. Briggs	Generalissimo.
W. H. Applewhite.....	Captain General.
F. M. Moye.....	Prelate.
J. D. Wells.....	Treasurer.
Geo. W. Blount	Recorder.
S. C. Wells.....	Senior Warden.
E. C. Exum.....	Junior Warden.
S. M. Warreu.....	Standard Bearer.
Jas. Lipscombe.....	Sword Bearer.
Jas. W. Hays.....	Warder.
W. P. Snakenberg.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

R. S. Barnes.	Willie Daniel.	J. K. Peacock.
R. G. Briggs.	Wiley W. Farmer.	Turner B. Sugg.
James E. Clark.	W. W. Hargrave.	W. J. Ward.
Jas. T. Cobb.	W. J. Harriss.	W. M. Ward.
Adrian N. Daniel.	E. M. Nadal.	

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Emineut Commander.
Calviu Johnson.....	Geuearalissimo.
Jacob E. Kautner.....	Captain General.
John J. Thornton.....	Prelate.
Herbert H. Cartland.....	Treasurer.
Samuel A. Kerr.....	Recorder
Burgess E. Jones.....	Senior Warden.
Albert H. Alderman....	Junior Wardeu.
James D. Glenn.....	Standard Bearer.
Nath L. G. Hall.....	Sword Bearer.
Sidney L. Alderman.....	Warder.
Charles H. Ireland.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Bastine, Walter E.	Holt, Edwin C.	Richardson, William R.
Eckel, Charles Eugene.	Lindley, John Van.	Stephens, Jesse F.
Groome, Pinckney L.	Newell, Dwight W.	

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, No 9, TARBORO.

Time of stated Conclave : First Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

George Howard, Jr.	Eminent Commander.
John R. Pender	Generalissimo.
James R. Gaskill	Captain General.
Charles L. Hofman	Prelate.
John W. Cotten	Treasurer.
Charles J. Austin	Recorder.
Donald Williams	Senior Warden.
Julian M. Baker	Junior Warden.
Alex. M. Fairly	Standard Bearer.
George Studdard	Sword Bearer.
Owen Williams, Jr.	Warder.
George B. Wright	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Clark, H. I.	Hartman, E. B.
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ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 10, NEWBERN.

Time of stated Conclave : First and Third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. H. Hackburn	Eminent Commander.
Ferdinand Ulrich	Generalissimo.
Hugh J. Lovick	Captain General.
Thomas Daniel	Prelate.
Thomas A. Green	Treasurer.
Thos F. McCarthy	Recorder.
S. R. Street	Senior Warden.
James Redmond	Junior Warden.
L. J. Taylor	Standard Bearer.
E. F. Roue	Sword Bearer.
John C. Green	Warder.
Wm. R. Wartars	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Abbott, D. H.	Basnight, J. S.	McIntosh, N. A.
Bryant, Jr., H. R.	Guion, O. H.	Hackburn, E. B.

DEMOLAI COMMANDERY, No. 11, OXFORD.

Time of stated Conclave: Third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Simeon H. Smith.....	Eminent Commander
Wilford C. Reed.....	Generalissimo.
B. W. S. Royster	Captain General.
Robt. S. Marsh.....	Prelate.
Docter C. White.....	Treasurer.
Joseph J. Medford.....	Recorder.
Willie J. Long.....	Senior Warden.
James M. Currin.....	Junior Warden.
Patrick Booth.....	Standard Bearer.
Leonidas C. Taylor.....	Sword Bearer.
William S. Hallaway.....	Warder.
John W. Hunt.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

C. J. Gregory.	R. W. Hobgood.	N. P. Straus.
R. J. Hunt.	W. H. Panabaker.	W. B. Burroughs.
I. R. Fuller.	E. C. A. Tuck.	A. F. Spencer.
W. J. Boykin.		

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1893.	KNIGHTED	ADMITTED.	LIMITED.	DIED.	SUSPEND'D	EXPELLED	MEMBERS 1894.
Plantagenet	1	Wilmington	42	2	...	2	...	...	...	42
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte	31	8	3	...	...	...	...	42
Durham.....	3	Durham	26	3	...	...	...	...	...	29
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh.....	39	3	1	2	1	1	...	39
Cyrene	5	Asheville.....	52	...	...	...	...	...	1	51
Piedmont.....	6	Winston	32	2	...	...	...	...	...	34
Mount Lebanon	7	Wilson	28	...	...	...	1	...	...	27
Ivanhoe.....	8	Greensboro	24	...	...	2	2	...	...	20
St. George	9	Tarboro	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	14
St. John.....	10	Newbern.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
DeMolai.....	11	Oxford.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
St. Aldemar	12	Enfield.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals .....		.....	286	20	3	6	4	1	1	339

Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina
From 1881 to 1894, Inclusive.

Year	GRAND COMMANDERS.	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.	GRAND GENERALISMOS.	CAPTAINS GENERAL	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND RECORDERS.
1881	Horace H. Munson.....	Lee W. Battle	Geo. H. King.....	Samuel S. Everitt.....	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1882	Horace H. Munson.....	Lee W. Battle.....	Geo. H. King	Julian S. Carr.	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1883	Eugene Grissom.....	Geo. H. King.....	Andrew J. Blair.....	William R. Cox.....	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1884	Eugene Grissom.....	Andrew J. Blair.....	Geo. W. Blount	David G. Maxwell ...	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1885	Donald W. Bain.....	Geo. H. King.....	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen.....	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1886	Donald W. Bain	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen	Carle A. Woodruff	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1887	Carle A. Woodruff.....	William W. Allen.....	Francis H. Glover.....	Edward M. Nadal	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1888	John A. Porter.....	Edward M. Nadal.....	Francis H. Glover.....	Alfred H. Stubbs. ..	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1889	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin.	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1890	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin	Francis M. Moye.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1891	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin.....	Francis M. Moye	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1892	James Southgate	Eugene S. Martin.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Peter A. Wilson, Jr....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1893	Francis M. Moye.....	Alphonso H. Cobb.....	Peter A. Wilson.....	John C. Chase.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1894	Alphonso H. Cobb	John C. Chase	Walter S. Liddell.....	William A. Withers....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.

EMINENT COMMANDERS.

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WILLIAM R. KENAN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WALTER E. STORM.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JOHN H. MCADEN.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
WILLIAM L. WALL.....	DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
F. L. JACOBS.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
HENRY T. BAHNSEN.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
DANIEL P. MAST.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
MUMFORD D. BAILEY.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS.....	MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. BULLOCK.....	MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
NATHANIEL L. S. HALL.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN W. COTTEN.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
GEORGE HOWARD, JR.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN.....	ST. JOHN, No. 10.
WILLIAM J. BOYKIN.....	DE MOLAI, No. 11.
SIMEON H. SMITH.....	DE MOLAI, No. 11.
DAVID BELL.....	ST. ALDEMAR, No. 12.

Recorders of Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand
Commandery of North Carolina.

Plantagenet, No. 1.....	MARCUS S. NOBLE.....	Wilmington.
Charlotte, No. 2.....	JONATHAN B. CARPENTER.....	Charlotte.
Durham, No. 3.....	JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	Durham.
Raleigh, No. 4.....	JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Raleigh.
Cyrene, No. 5.....	DAVID F. HERNDON.....	Asheville.
Piedmont, No. 6.....	SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	Winston.
Mount Lebanon, No. 7.....	GEO. W. BLOUNT.....	Wilson.
Ivanhoe, No. 8.....	SAMUEL A. KERR.....	Greensboro.
St. George No. 9.....	CHARLES J. AUSTIN.....	Tarboro.
St. John, No. 10.....	THOMAS F. MCCARTHY.....	Newbern.
De Molai, No. 11.....	JOSEPH J. MEDFORD.....	Oxford.
St. Aldemar, No. 12.....	JOHN A. COLLINS.....	Enfield.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED BY THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	FROM NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Alabama	Edward W. Gilfillan	New Tuscumbia.
Arkansas	John L. Sumpter	Hot Springs.
California	Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco.
Colorado	William T. Bridwell	Canon City.
Connecticut	James H. Welsh	Danbury.
Georgia	James L. Fleming	Augusta.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	William J. Robie	Richmond.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	Edward P. Allen	Topeka.
Kentucky	George W. Wicks	Louisville.
Louisiana	William H. Chaffe	New Orleans.
Maine	Edmund McMurdie	Augusta.
Maryland	Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore.
Massachusetts & R. I.	Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls.
Minnesota	Charles McMillen	Duluth.
Mississippi	William P. Fowler .....	.....
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
Nebraska	W. K. Williams	York.
New Hampshire	Don. H. Woodward	Keene.
New Jersey	Joseph D. Congdon	Paterson.
New York	Orren C. Parker	Batavia.
North Dakota	John D. Smith	Valley Ctty.
Ohio	William T. McLeon	Sidney.
Oregon	Frank B. Dunn	Eugene City.
Pennsylvania	William J. Dickson	Philadelphia.
South Dakota	Hugh S. Murphy	Elkton.
Tennessee	W. C. Smith	Nashville.
Texas	Daniel S. Malvern	Austin.
Vermont	William H. Vinton	Brattleboro.
Virginia	Elbert C. Walthall	Richmond.
West Virginia	W. H. Travis	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	George C. Teall	Ean Claire.
Washington	James D. DeMattos	Whatcover.
Wyoming	Perry L. Smith	Rawlins.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED TO THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Alabama.....	Rev. Geo. H. Bell.....	Bell.
Arkansas.....	H. T. Bahnson.....	Salem.
California.....	S. H. Smith.....	Winston.
Colorado.....	James D. Glenn.....	Greensboro.
Connecticut.....	George W. Blount.....	Wilson.
Georgia.....	E. M. Nadal.....	Wilson.
Illinois.....	Julian S. Carr.....	Durham.
Indiana.....	James Southgate.....	Durham.
Iowa.....	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.
Kansas.....	William Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Kentucky.....	A. G. Brenizer.....	Charlotte.
Louisiana.....	Jacob E. Kautner.....	Greensboro..
Maine.....	John A. Porter.....	Asheville.
Maryland.....	W. F. Randolph.....	Asheville.
Massachusetts & R. I.....	George H. King.....	Charlotte.
Minnesota.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Wilson.
Mississippi.....	J. W. Hunter.....	Salem.
Missouri.....	W. L. Wall.....	Durham.
Nebraska.....	A. H. Cobb.....	Asheville.
New Hampshire.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen.....	Winstou.
New York.....	Horace H. Munson.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Joseph H. Hackburn.....	Newbern.
Ohio.....	John J. Thornton.....	Greensboro.
Oregon.....	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.	Charlotte.
Pennsylvania.....	E. J. Parish.....	Durham.
South Dakota.....	Charles J. Austiu.....	Tarboro.
Tennessee.....	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.
Texas.....	Michael Bowes.....	Raleigh.
Vermont.....	Charles J. Austin.....	Tarboro.
Virginia.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.
West Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
Wisconsin.....	W. H. Chadbourn.....	Wilmington.
Washington.....	John C. Chase.....	Wilmington.
Wyoming.....	William A. Withers.....	Raleigh.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS

Arizona.....	DOUGLAS SNYDER.....	Tucson.
Alabama	EDMUND R. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	JAMES A. HENRY.....	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL.....	San Francisco.
Colorado	EDWARD C. PARMELEE.....	Masonic Temp, Denver.
Connecticut	JOSEPH K. WHEELER.....	Hartford.
Canada.....	DANIEL SPRY.....	Barrie, Ontario.
England and Wales.....	WILLIAM TINKLER.....	London, W. C.
Georgia	SAMUEL P. HAMILTON.....	Savannah.
Grand Encampment.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond, Virginia.
Illinois.....	GILBERT W. BERNARD.....	1900 Masonic Temple.
Indiana	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa	ALFRED WINGATE.....	Des Moines.
Ireland.....	JOHN A. BAKER.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	DWIGHT BYINGTON.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	LORENZO D. CRONINGER.....	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	STEPHEN BERRY.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	JOHN H. MILLER.....	Baltimore, Browns whf.
Massachusetts & R. I.....	BENJ. W. ROWELL.....	28 School St., Boston.
Michigan.....	JOHN A. GEROW.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	THOMAS MONTGOMERY.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	JOHN L. POWELL.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	WILLIAM H. MAYO.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	CORNELIUS HEDGES.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	GEORGE P. CLEAVES.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
New York.....	ROBERT MACOY.....	New York, 319 B'way.
North Carolina.....	HORACE H. MUNSON.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	FRANK J. THOMPSON.....	Fargo.
Ohio.....	JOHN N. BELL.....	Dayton.
Oregon.....	JAS. F. ROBINSON.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	MONT. H. SMITH.....	Masonic Temple.
South Dakota	WILLIAM H. HOLT.....	Sioux Falls.
Scotland.....	L. MACKERSEY.....	Edinburg.
Tennessee.....	WILBUR F. FOSTER.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	ROBERT BREWSTER.....	Houston.
Vermont	WARREN G. REYNOLDS.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	YANCEY C. BLALOCK.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	ROBT. C. DUNNINGTON.....	Fairmont.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. LAFLIN.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	JOHN C. BAIRD.....	Cheyenne.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

KENTUCKY.

R. E. JACOB OWEN,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Oct. 28th, 1892.

VERMONT.

SIR FRANK N. MANCHESTER.
Grand Senior Warden,
Died April 23rd, 1893.

ALABAMA.

R. E. JOSEPH H. JOHNSON,
Past Grand Commander,
Died May 5th, 1893.

R. E. JAMES G. HOLTZCLAW,
Past Grand Commander,
Died July 18th, 1893.

PENNSYLVANIA.

R. E. JOHN J. WADSWORTH,
Past Grand Commander,
Died May 9th, 1893.

R. E. EDWIN G. MARTIN,
Past Grand Commander,
Died Aug. 30th, 1893.

R. E. CHARLES J. BAER,
Past Grand Commander,
Died March 28th, 1894.

OHIO.

R. E. WILLIAM T. WALKER,
Past Grand Commander,
Died May 21st, 1893.

MINNESOTA.

SIR PHILO P. HUBBELL,

Grand Prelate,

Died May 29th, 1893.

ARKANSAS.

R. E. LOGAN H. ROOTS,

Past Grand Commander,

Died May 30th, 1893.

R. E. PHILIP D. McCULLOCK,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Dec. 26th, 1893.

KANSAS.

R. E. GEO. W. POST,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Oct. 26th, 1893.

INDIANA.

R. E. REUBEN PEDEN,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Dec. 1st, 1893.

TENNESSEE.

R. E. GEO. C. CONNER,

Past Grand Commander,

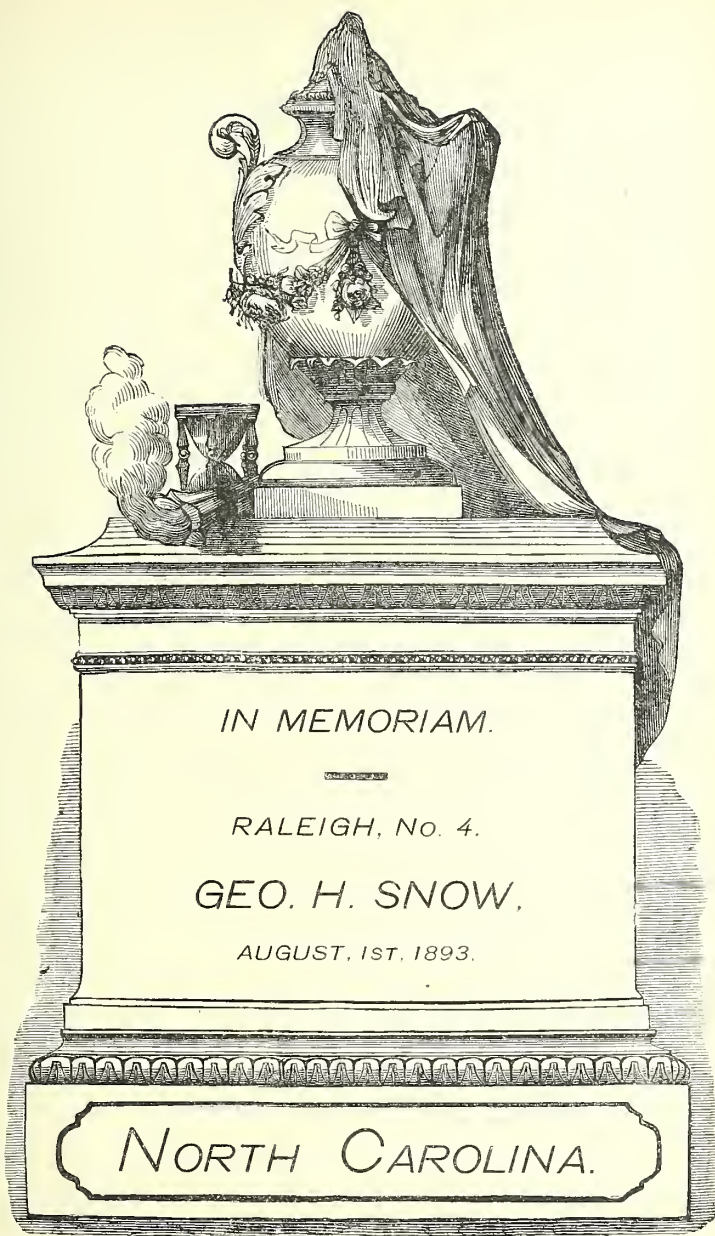
Died March 9th, 1894.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

R. E. JOHN J. BELL,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Aug. 22nd, 1893.



IN MEMORIAM.

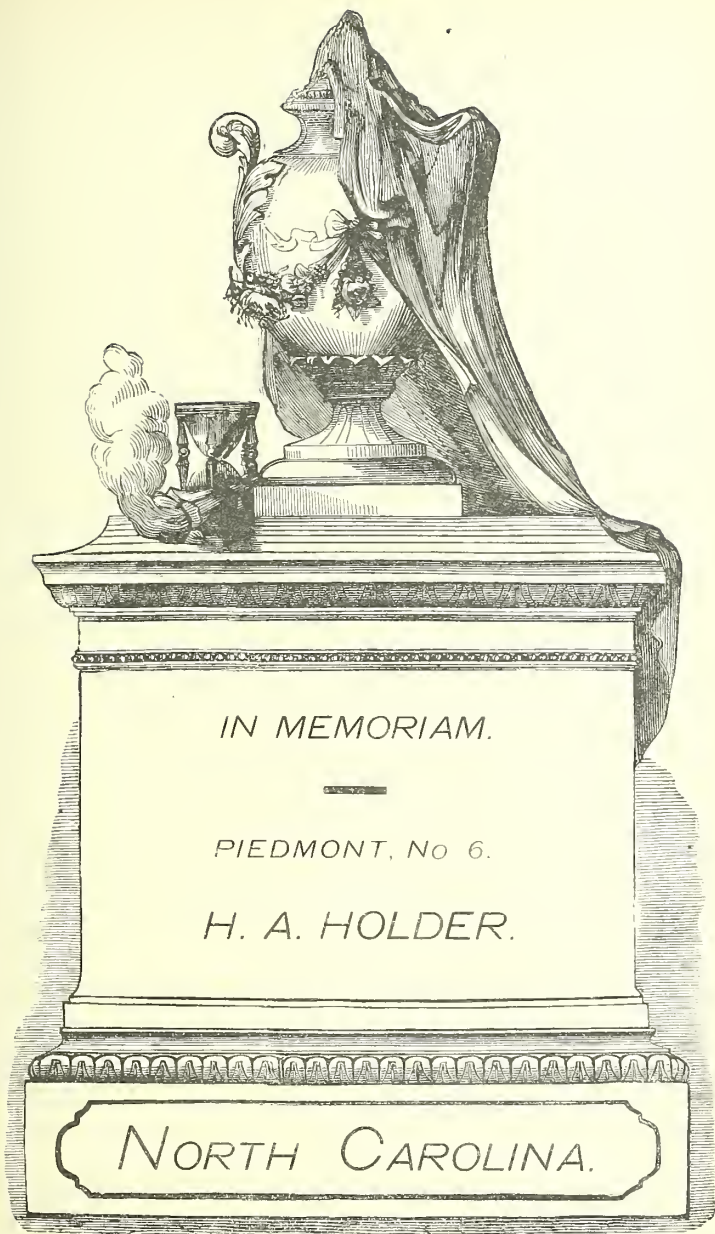
RALEIGH, No. 4.

GEO. H. SNOW,

AUGUST, 1ST, 1893.

NORTH CAROLINA.



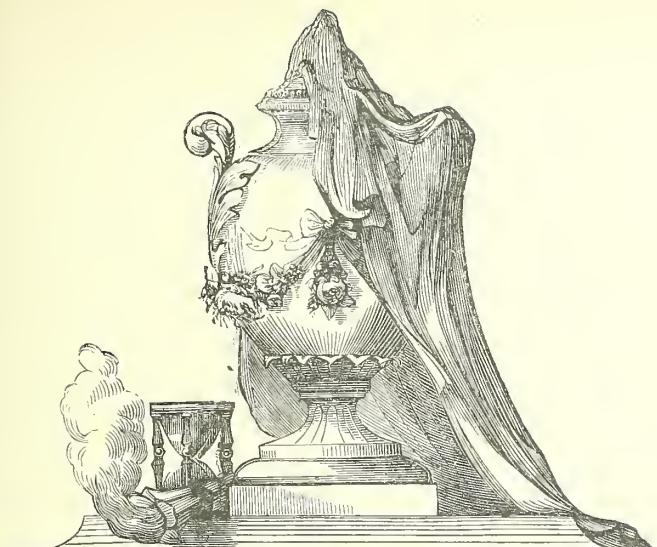


IN MEMORIAM.

PIEDMONT, No 6.

H. A. HOLDER.

NORTH CAROLINA.



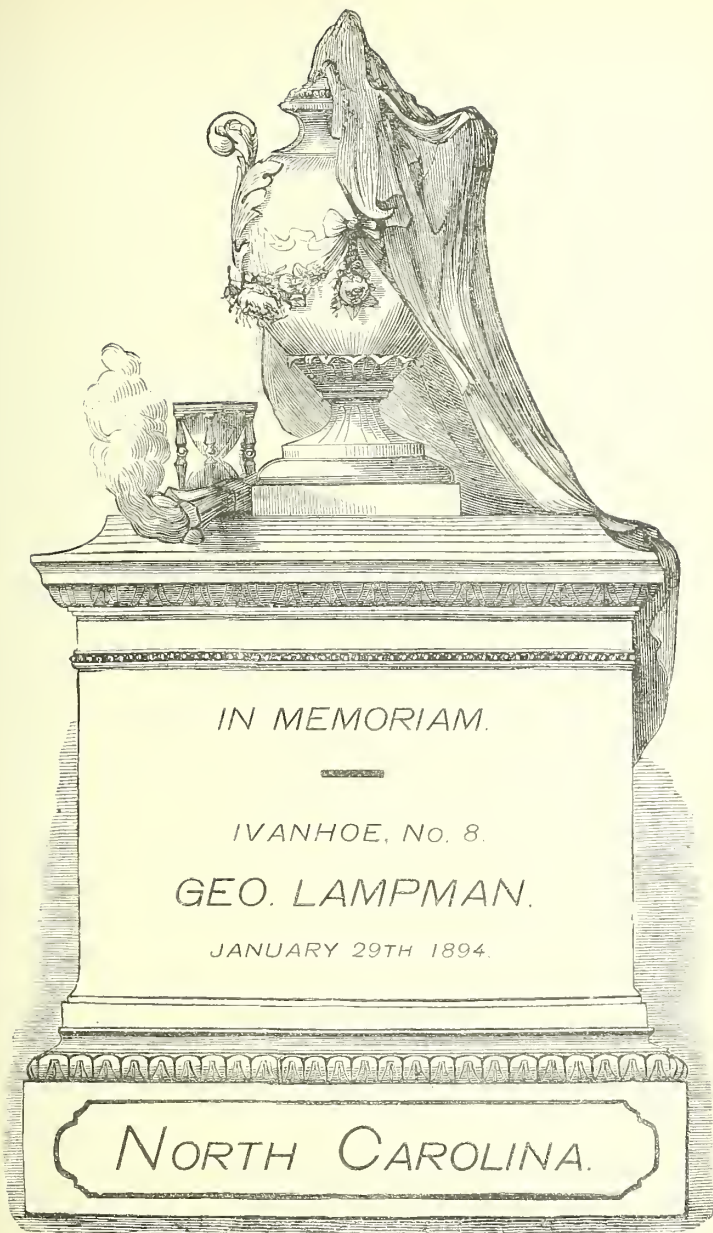
IN MEMORIAM.

IVANHOE, No. 8.

JOHN C. CLENDENIN.

APRIL 8TH. 1893.

NORTH CAROLINA.



APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA :

The Committee on Correspondence, through its Chairman, respectfully presents its Report, having reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, as follows—all being for the year 1893, excepting Louisiana, which is for 1894 :

Alabama,	Louisiana,	North Dakota,
Arizona,	Maine,	Ohio,
Arkansas,	Maryland,	Oregon,
California,	Mass. and Rhode Island,	Pennsylvania,
Canada,	Michigan,	South Dakota,
Colorado,	Minnesota,	Tennessee,
Connecticut,	Mississippi,	Texas,
Georgia,	Missouri,	Vermont,
Illinois,	Montana,	Virginia,
Indiana,	Nebraska,	Washington,
Iowa,	New Hampshire,	West Virginia,
Kansas,	New Jersey,	Wisconsin,
Kentucky,	New York,	Wyoming,

ALABAMA.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Gadsden, May 10th, 1893.

Sir John A. McKinnon, R. E. Grand Commander. All but two of Grand Officers were present and the representatives of all of the chartered Commanderies. Eleven of the Grand Commanderies were represented, North Carolina being among them. The Grand Commander's address covers the usual ground, giving in addition, a full report on the Triennial Conclave.

States that

"The returns from the subordinate Commanderies show a healthy and steady growth in our ranks, and when we take into consideration the stringency of money matters, we should feel satisfied with the past year's results as to increase of membership."

The subordinate officers of the Grand Commandery had, with a few exceptions, discharged their duties in making official visitations, and their reports were submitted. Notices the decease of our beloved fraters, Sir Knights Bain and Barham, and says of the former :

"A distinguished and valiant fratre has gone to 'that bourne from which no traveller returns;' and as the sign '*In Hoc Signo Vinces*' was inscribed on his banner here on earth, may this inscription, with unfading letters, ever rest on the soul which we hope is in Paradise."

Issued two dispensations to appear in public as escort at laying of corner stones, also to celebrate Easter and Ascension Day. Re-commissioned the Grand Representatives, and expressed himself in favor of triennial appointments as follows :

"A Sir Knight who is a Grand Representative may become lukewarm, or his life become such as to reflect on the craft or there may inadvertently be appointed several Sir Knights from one subordinate Commandery and none from others, or one Sir Knight might be appointed the Representative of several Grand Commanderies."

The Grand Recorder's report shows that there was an unexpended balance of \$119.00 from the fund raised to meet the Triennial expenses, which speaks well for the liberality of the original appropriation, and the discretion used in expending it. The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand as \$414.00. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely on the request of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters that "as a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, the applicant should have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master," which report was adopted. The resolution states this to be requirement of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, and no one present seems to have known or discovered that there is no such body in existence. Committee on Tactics recommended "Grants," which were adopted. After the Grand Commandery had closed its labors they participated in an excursion to the "Mountains," as the guests of Etowa Commandery No. 15. The "*piece de resistance*" is thus described :

"About noon dinner was announced—an old fashioned barbecue—and to a person who has partaken of one nothing more need be said to express the excellency of this one."

It has never been our good fortune to participate in a barbecue, but the gastronomic record of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, at Winston and Tarboro, as set forth in the Grand Recorder's "notes," would indicate that we and our associates were in the habit of partaking with avidity of whatever was set before us. One statement in the account of the "Afterwards" would seem to call for explanation :

"The cooking was perfect, the service well ordered, and above all the attentions given by the Sir Knights of Etowa Commandery to their *sisters* [*italics ours*] was assiduous and most courteous."

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight George F. Moore, who announces it as his fifth, and it comprises 57 pages of "solid matter," interesting, instructive and amusing. He is a non-believer in "clipping,"

but we must draw on him for a few paragraphs of sound common sense for the benefit of our home folks who do not have the privilege of seeing the full report. Referring to some commendatory words from one who *reads* reports on correspondence, he says :

"We do not write this from any egotistic desire to call attention to the correspondent, but to show that even if few people read the reports on correspondence the mental calibre and moral status of those who do read them is high enough to induce others to follow their example. We have been a member of the Masonic order and a Templar for twenty years, and if there is anything for which we *would* criticise our brethren and fratres it is the general disinclination to read Masonic books and publications."

Under Mississippi he says :

"In reading the proceedings there is one thing which we wish to call to the *particular* attention of our fratres in Alabama. In one Commandery we observe that a past Grand Commander is serving as Warder, in another two Past Grand Commanders are serving, one as Prelate and the other as Senior Warden, and in still another two Past Grand Commanders are filling places as Treasurer and Sword Bearer. This is as it should be, and we commend these excellent examples to those officers who, having served as Grand Officers, *desert* their fratres and cease their attendance even at the meetings of their Commanderies."

We recognise most fully the desirability of Past Grand Officers continuing to attend the Conclaves of their respective Commanderies, but when, in our humble opinion, a Commandery is reduced to the necessity of calling upon them to regularly fill official positions, except where the duties are of the most perfunctory nature, it is a strong indication that such Commanderies are suffering from a chronic attack of dry rot. The subordinate offices should be considered as rewards for willing workers, a training and incentive to press on toward the higher official position. A *live* Commandery will have no difficulty in filling these offices with new incumbents and after they have served the time necessary to secure the higher rewards they will have earned the right to a life of official ease.

North Carolina for 1892 gets its due share of attention. He finds our returns "mixed"; a true bill. Gives the Grand Commander a thrust on the "Pilgrimage" question, and arrays the Grand Commander and the Correspondent against each other on Ascension Day observance. Found his volume of proceedings "mixed", but it does not appear that anything was left out. The typographical errors in the list of "Honored Dead" next attract his attention. It is a heavy bill of particulars and we will not attempt any explanation. The partial Report on Correspondence affords a text for another paragraph. We surmise however that "got lost in transmission" is a polite *fiction*, and that Sir Knight Munson knows more than has gotten into print. We are afraid that Sir Knight Moore *thinks* the "elegant spread" is responsible for the "mixed" condition of things, although he says "comment would probably be unjust and we refrain." We suspect that we are getting a double quota this time to make up for the empty measure of the previous report. We drop Alabama with regret fearing that

our space will not hold out, but hoping to have the pleasure of meeting Sir Knight Moore in "Bosting" in '95 if he will not come around and get some "barbecued" oysters before then.

Nine Commanderies, 357 Knights, gain 15.

Sir Charles Wheelock, Birmingham, Grand Commander.

Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir George F. Moore, Montgomery, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Birmingham, May 9th, 1894.

ARIZONA.

FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

Phoenix, November 16th, 1893.

The Grand Commandery was organized under a call issued by Sir Knight George J. Roskrige, Past Eminent Commander acting as proxy for Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, M. E. Grand Master, to the officers of the several Commanderies in the Territory of Arizona, three in number, all of whom responded to the call. The usual routine of business only was taken up at the Conclave.

Three Commanderies, 100 Knights

Sir George J. Roskrige, Tucson, Grand Commander.

Sir Douglass Snyder, Tucson, Grand Recorder.

Sir Harry B. Lighthizer, Phoenix, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Phoenix, November 14th, 1894.

ARKANSAS.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Little Rock, April 18th, 1893.

Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers with several Past Grand Officers and the representatives of all of the chartered Commanderies were present, also the representatives of 23 Grand Commanderies, including North Carolina. The Grand Commander's address contains the General Orders announcing in most fitting terms the death of Past Grand Commanders George L. Kimball and John D. Adams, and Past Grand Treasurer Roderick L. Dodge. Also alludes to the losses suffered by the subordinate Commanderies, but makes no mention of the fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions. Notes that

"The past year has been fraught with its pleasures and prosperity, as well as its sorrow and adversity. Our subordinate Commanderies are nearly all in prosperous condition, and the Knightly zeal displayed by all is certainly commendable."

Has arrested the Charters of two Commanderies in accordance with the action of the Grand Commandery at the last Conclave. Gives a glowing account of the trip to the Triennial, and thinks that

"The most important work accomplished was the adoption of the new Ritual. In this Jurisdiction the subordinate Commanderies have for three

years past labored under many and trying difficulties, and it has been almost impossible to confer the Orders in some of the younger Commanderies with any degree of satisfaction. This condition of things will be changed within a short time, and we will then be able to confer the Order in a manner satisfactory, and with as perfect a Ritual as the brightest minds in the land could produce. So eminently satisfactory was the work of the Ritual Committee that the Ritual was adopted unanimously, and with such enthusiasm that at once it was recognized beyond all doubt, that at least this most troublesome question was settled, and all differences of opinion finally adjusted."

The Ritual Committee must feel highly flattered by this unstinted commendation of their work, and we imagine the sniff of contempt this extract will be greeted with in certain quarters. We sincerely hope that the Ritual will be as satisfactory as its most sanguine friends could wish. The Grand Commander must have had a very easy time as he says "nothing requiring an official decision has been brought before me the past year."

Only one dispensation was asked for and that, being for permission to ballot out of time, was refused for good and sufficient reasons.

Suggests that Commanderies be required to furnish with their returns a statement showing the number of Conclaves held during the year with the dates. Correspondence has been heavy during the Triennial year, but the pleasure compensated for the work entailed. Committee on Digest of Edicts presented a complete report covering Constitution of the Grand Commandery, Edicts and Decisions, By-laws for Subordinate Commanderies and Uniform, but we do not find any mention of the disposition made of the report. It may interest the North Carolina fraters to know that the cuffs or gauntlets are *not* a part of the prescribed uniform. Committee on Charters disapproved the Grand Commander's recommendation that the dues to the Grand Commandery be increased, and advised taking \$100.00 per year from the Grand Recorder's salary, which was done. The Grand Treasurer's report shows cash in hand to be \$409.00. A pleasant episode of the Conclave was a presentation of a silken banner to the Grand Commandery by Mrs. F. J. H. Rickon, made from badges that she collected at Denver, and those collected at Washington by Mrs. C. E. Rosenbaum.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir F. J. H. Rickon, who was pressed into service on account of the removal from the Jurisdiction of Rev. Sir Innes O. Adams, the original appointee. He fills some forty pages with a review of the Proceedings of 31 Grand Bodies, North Carolina not being among them. Wonder if any of their Proceedings were "lost in transmission?"

Eleven Commanderies, 494 Knights, gain 28. The returns seem to be mixed, as the total for 1892 is given as 429.

Sir Samuel W. Williams, Little Rock, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Frederick J. H. Rickon, Little Rock, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Little Rock, April 17th, 1894.

CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. San Francisco, April 20th, 1893.

Sir Jacob H. Neff, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present. Thirty of the thirty-two subordinate Commanderies were represented, also one Commandery U. D. The Grand Commander in his address pleads eloquently for a higher standard in the qualifications for membership. The requirements should be of a *positive* nature, not merely of a negative character that admit any except the actually vicious. The growing tendency of Knights Templar to indulge in intoxicating beverages is also dwelt upon at length, and pleasure expressed that many Jurisdictions are taking measures to eradicate the evil. Fraternal dead receive appropriate mention. Official visitation was omitted on account of a disabling accident, but he says :

"I am assured, however, from the report of the several Inspectors submitted herewith, that the Commanderies visited and inspected by them, with perhaps two or three exceptions, are in a prosperous condition, and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction, not a single case of grievance having been brought to my attention during the year."

The following decision provides what appears to us to be an unusual way of disposing of a petition :

"When a petition for membership in a Commandery has been duly referred to a committee and the committee report unfavorably upon said application, and the Commandery accepts and adopts said report, is a ballot necessary on the part of the Commandery? I reply, No. No further action is necessary on the part of the Commandery. The report disposes of the matter, and rejects the applicant, and the Commander so declares."

Apparently the Grand Commander did not consult the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, (Title XLV, Section 12,) which says :

"Any unfavorable report does not dispose with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases "

Under dispensations we note the following, from which it would appear that the Grand Commander did not have the courage of his convictions :

"I also granted permission to *San Diego* Commandery No. 25, and *Riverside* Commandery No. 28, to appear in full uniform on the occasion of the celebration of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of San Diego Bay. As a matter of principle I am opposed to granting permission to a Commandery to appear in public in full uniform, except on Templar or Masonic occasions, but as this was an historical event of so much importance to our beloved State I did not feel justified in denying the application."

California apparently does with a protest what Vermont does as matter of right. Over twenty pages are filled with the reports of the inspecting Officers. The treasury is in a healthy condition, there being \$4,966.00 on hand. The Commandery U. D. received a charter. A definition of *Christian* religion being called for because objection had been made to a Commandery attending divine service in a Unitarian church, the Committee on Jurisprudence says :

"That our profession of belief is broad enough to include all those

who profess to believe the Christian religion in its broadest and most comprehensive sense, and that it is broad enough to include Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians, Unitarians and Universalists. We are not ourselves in favor of a Commandery attending service at any place of public worship in uniform, and we much prefer that they should go to church on certain days set apart, or on all days when worship is had, as citizens, without directing any particular attention to the mere matter of dress; but if they are to attend church as a body we see no reason why they cannot attend a Unitarian, Universalist or Baptist, or any other church, without any danger of detriment to their faith as Christian men."

Sir Knight Edward S. Lippitt, as Chairman, presents his second report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Jurisdictions in a very graceful and interesting manner, filling some eighty pages. North Carolina for 1892 receives attention to the extent of three pages of liberal quotations, seasoned with courteous comment, which is certainly kind, considering the short measure California had previously received. He styles the dispensation for a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" as "a novel one." Refers to our banquet "note" as mysterious, and asks: "Can't fellows who part their hair in the middle get in at the 'Southgate?'" Munson will have to answer, as no one as yet has found out what he was driving at. Has a tender parting word for Sir Knight Blount, and thus disagrees with him on the observance of *Holy Days*:

"All Templars believe in the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of *Jesus Christ, Immanuel God* with us? Who then can object to keeping each anniversary of those events? Because the Romish Church may have a good thing in its ritual must all others count it bad? Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day are peculiarly sacred days to all Templars."

We regret having no more space for Sir Knight Lippitt, but the limits of the report of a small and weak Jurisdiction are inexorable. We are also sorry to see that he retires from the corps.

Thirty-three Commanderies, 2,790 Knights, gain 28.

Sir William Vanderhurst, Salinas, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir William A. Davies, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, San Francisco, April 19th, 1894.

CANADA.

TENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Ottawa, July 18th, 1893.

Sir Elias T. Malone, Supreme Grand Master. All the Grand Officers present and the representatives of twenty-eight of the thirty-two Preceptories.

The Grand Master reports marked prosperity and gives in evidence the establishment of a Preceptory in the city in which the Assembly is being held. He learned on his introduction into office that "old ways and old manners governed the condition of Templar affairs in Canada and that newer and more progressive ideas were required to insure success," and

therefore issued a fraternal circular calling on the fraters to aid in trying to make "Templarism in Canada a brilliant success." He calls for proficiency in the work by the officers and a strict performance of duties by the Provincial Priors. Also

"Would impress on the Preceptors the advantages to be derived from fraternal visits where exemplification of the work should play a prominent part. Such visits will engender good fellowship; will produce uniformity in the work; will increase the attendance and will create a friendly rivalry of who can best work and best agree."

Considers it the duty of the Grand Master to devote some of his time to making official visits and inspections, and has visited about a third of the Preceptories. Under decisions he says, "the suspension for non-payment of dues of a Frater in his Lodge or Chapter does not interfere with his standing in the Preceptory."

Under the head of Triennial Conclave, the following concerning a well known Frater in the "States" will be of interest:

"I also received a report from our representative, R. E. Frater T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, who gave me a very entertaining sketch of the doings of the Grand Encampment at Denver. He is one of the few representatives who thoroughly appreciates and respects his position and deems it his duty to make an annual report."

Frater Parvin's report appears in the proceedings. The Deputy Grand Master presents a report of his inspecting tour among the Provincial Preceptories, and it appears that he was the first Great Priory Officer to make such an official tour. The Grand Treasurer reports \$864 on hand. The proceedings are embellished with fine phototypes of Supreme Grand Master Malone and Grand Chancellor Daniel Spry. After the close of the Great Priory the Ritual of the several Degrees was exemplified in full, with proper costumes, by Ottawa Preceptory No. 32.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Henry Robertson, Past Supreme Grand Master, who expresses himself as gratified at being able to present the full list including the Grand Encampment, with which he begins his interesting and entertaining review of seventy-six pages. Under Alabama he says:

"Frater George F. Moore objects to the use of the term 'Foreign' Correspondence as between themselves in the States, but thinks that we in Canada may use the term correctly. Well, we object to its use just as much as he does. We decline to be 'foreign' to our Fraters in the States. We claim to belong to the same family and we want to be recognized as such. We speak the same language, (only rather better); we have the same essentials in our work; we have the same objects and the same aims; we are both trying to elevate the standard of human morality; and we can join with them in all good works. Then why should we be foreign? The difference in nationality is too slight to separate those of a common Brotherhood, and who are united by so many ties and in so many ways. We have dropped the word 'foreign' from our reports. Now if they will only drop the use of 'Sir Knight' and 'Sir Jones' and take the word 'Frater' instead, we will be happy all around."

Under Vermont he condemns the Templar observance of "Memorial Day."

North Carolina for 1892 and 1893 receives brief notice. He credits Sir Knight Blount with a good report on Correspondence, and so we presume he approves of the excerpt he clips on the celebration of holy days from Sir Blount's review of Ohio. In closing he says :

"All of our reports this year have been prepared under severe pressure, caused by the most grievous calamity that could have befallen us, the loss of our beloved partner in life. We hope that any shortcomings will be pardoned on that account."

We are certain that the hearts of all our Fraters who read these lines will go out to him in tender sympathy.

Thirty-one Preceptories, 1,116 Knights; gain, 61.

Sir E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Ont., Supreme Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont., Grand Chancellor, (re-elected.)

Sir Henry Robertsou, Colliugwood, Ont., Correspondent.

Next Assembly, Toronto, August 28th, 1894.

COLORADO.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Denver, June 6th, 1893.

Sir Alphonse A. Burnand, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers present, and 19 of the 23 subordinate Commanderies represented. Twenty Grand Jurisdictions were represented, North Carolina being among the number. The Grand Representatives were introduced and appropriately welcomed. The Grand Commander's address is a concise report of his official doings. Issued a dispensation to form a new Commandery, which started out with 39 Sir Knights. Refused a dispensation to receive and ballot upon petitions the same evening. Has not been called on for any decisions, and credits it to the fact that the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Laws were bound up with the proceedings of 1892. Has always insisted upon a strict construction of the law when questions have been propounded. Nine Commanderies observed Easter Sunday, and four Ascension Day, and the Christmas Toast was observed by five. He advises the Grand Commandery to take the necessary action to promote the general observance of the beautiful custom. Constituted one Commandery and officially visited fourteen. Eight Past Grand Commanders were each presented with the jewel of the office. A charter was granted to the Commandery working under dispensation. The Treasurer reports the cash on hand as amounting to \$7,399, which shows that they are well off in a financial point of view.

Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood, who gives North Carolina for 1892 kindly mention. Sir Knight Orahood has probably found by this time that Sir Knight Blount remained in harness long enough to make up for omitting Colorado the previous year. The report is a good general review of the various proceedings, 39 in number,

interspersed with liberal quotations, styled "scissoring" by some of our Fraters, who apparently pride themselves on their handiness with the pen.

Twenty-three Commanderies, 1,583 Knights; gain, 187.

Sir Albert B. McGaffey, Denver, Grand Commander.

Sir Ed. C. Parmalee, Denver, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Harper M. Orahood, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Denver, September 21st, 1894.

CONNECTICUT.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Norwalk, March 21st, 1893.

Sir Christian Swartz, R. E. Grand Commander, of whom a fine steel-engraved portrait embellishes the Proceedings. The Grand Officers were all present and subordinate Commanderies all represented. Twenty Grand Commanderies represented, North Carolina included. The Grand Commander gives a detailed statement of his official acts and movements, in which he says :

"It affords me great pleasure to inform you of the continued prosperity of our order, and of the peace and good will that exists throughout our entire jurisdiction. Not a complaint has been heard, nor has any question been referred to me for decision."

Truly a most satisfactory state of affairs, and one would almost think that the millenium was at hand. The Connecticut Fraters have apparently settled the question as to "who can best work and best agree." Visited officially 9 of the 11 Commanderies and says that :

"He noticed in all these visitations an enthusiasm in the work of our order which reflects great credit upon the officers and Sir Knights of the Commanderies in our jurisdiction."

The Proceedings contain the General Orders of the various Grand Jurisdictions announcing the deaths of distinguished Fraters, which gives the local reader a chance to see the estimation in which the deceased were held where they were best known. The business of the Conclave was purely of a routine nature. The Grand Treasurer reports \$725 on hand. Following the usual custom, Clinton Commandery No. 3 exemplified the work the evening before the Conclave was opened, and a large number of visiting Sir Knights from other jurisdictions were present. "The work was very correctly and impressively rendered," after which a sumptuous banquet received attention, followed by the usual post-prandial exercises.

Report on Correspondence is by the E. Grand Recorder, Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, who presents an interesting and well-written review of the Proceedings of all the Grand Jurisdictions, covering over 100 pages. North Carolina for 1892 receives its full share of space, considering that Connecticut "got left" in the "transmission" a year ago. Grand Commander Allen's views on the observance of Ascension Day, also Sir Knight Blount's disapproval of the same are quoted, and he says :

"We doubt if his objections will hold. There is not as much sensitiveness among the sects as there used to be regarding these things, and every year the old objections are growing less, as they should. The Knights Templar rally around the standard of the cross and Immanuel, and it seems to us that a proper observance of those days which remind us of birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension are eminently appropriate. There exists a more catholic spirit than there used to be, and living by a creed and certain ceremonies with nothing else is regarded with less favor than in ye olden time. There is a more joyous ushering in of love as the beacon light, to guide the weary pilgrim to that Asylum of Rest that is leading men of all religious denominations to kneel more closely at one common altar, with the same common trust in Christ as the chief cornerstone, and depending more upon the simple truth as taught by the Divine Master. We hail the approaching dawn when all these dividing lines shall be done away.

'Not credo then,
 Amo shall be the password through its gates.
 Man shall not ask his brother any more,
 Believest thou? but lovest thou, till all
 Shall answer at God's altar, Lord, I love!
 For hope may anchor; faith may steer,
 But charity, or love alone,
 Shall be the Pilot of the soul.' "

We leave Sir Wheeler with regret, as there is much that we would like to quote did space permit.

Eleven Commanderies, 2,029 Knights; gain, 94.

Sir James B. Wildman, Danbury, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Danbury, March 19th, 1894.

GEORGIA.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Augusta, May 10th, 1893.

Sir George W. McElhaney, R. E. Grand Commander. The officers and members, having assembled at headquarters, were escorted to the Asylum of Georgia Commandery No. 1, where they were welcomed by Past Eminent Commander Otis G. Lynch in behalf of the citizens and Masonic fraternity of Augusta, an appropriate response being made by Grand Commander McElhaney. All of the Grand Officers were present at the opening of the Conclave, and all of the chartered Commanderies were represented. Grand Representatives were present from 21 Jurisdictions, North Carolina's being among the number. The Grand Commander reports the Order as being in a very healthy condition, although there is no great activity. Officially visited seven of the Commanderies, sickness having prevented visits to the other two. Attended the Triennial, and is proud of having been "a member of such a body, composed of the most eminent and learned Masons and Templars in the United States." Not much "excessiveness" in his opinion. Notes with approval the adverse decision

of the Grand Master relative to conferring the orders on the Sabbath, also Sir Knight Carson's resolution condemning the wearing by Knights Templar of any insignia, badge or uniform not belonging to a Masonic or Templar body while wearing the Templar uniform, or attending the Conclaves or Assemblies of the Order. Commends the Christmas Libation. Issued a dispensation to form and open a new Commandery. Refused a dispensation for this very commendable reason :

"It is in violation of the spirit of Templar Law, at least, this granting of petitions to confer the Orders in great haste on candidates whose main object is often just to go to the Annual Conclave."

We commend this as a sound common-sense decision and in gratifying contrast to some Jurisdictions, where dispensations for all sorts of things seem to be had for the asking. Was called upon for only one decision, which, on reference, was answered by the Grand Master as follows:

"A member of a Commandery U. D. cannot exercise rights of membership in his old Commandery, because his membership therein is in abeyance, temporarily extinct."

Notes the decease of Sir Knight Azariah G. Howard, Past Grand Commander, to whose memory an elaborate memorial appears in the Proceedings, from which we learn that he was a son of the "Old North State," although reared and educated in Alabama. The Grand Commandery attended a devotional service at the First Presbyterian Church in the evening, where an elaborate musical programme was rendered, and an eloquent address delivered by Rev. Sir Tullius C. Tupper, of Cœur de Lion Commandery No. 4, of Atlanta. Proceedings of local interest only, but are embellished with portraits of Past Grand Commanders Wm. H. Fuller and Samuel P. Hamilton, the latter being the present Grand Recorder. We note with approval that provision was made to send a copy of the Proceedings of the Conclave to every Sir Knight in the Jurisdiction. Cash on hand by the Grand Treasurer's report, \$426.

Sir Roland B. Hall presents his fifth report on Correspondence, covering some ninety pages, in which he very pleasantly reviews the Proceedings of forty Jurisdictions, North Carolina for 1892 coming in for its due share of attention. Quotes R. E. Sir Allen's dispensation allowing the several Commanderies of the State to visit Raleigh on the occasion of the "Masonic Day" at the Exposition, and comments as follows:

"We consider it of doubtful propriety. A day set apart by a State Exposition, and called Masonic Day, does not make it a Masonic occasion, notwithstanding 25 per cent. of the gross proceeds is devoted to an orphan asylum. We could never approve of making a Masonic demonstration for the sake of the show or for the benefit of something not directly connected with the Order."

In reply it is only necessary to repeat a part of his extract: "Advantage of this dispensation was not taken by the several Commanderies as was originally intended." Notes that Georgia was "left" between Sir Knights Blount and Stubbs, but will have seen ere this that Sir Blount remained in

harness another year to make good the various omissions, for which he was not to blame. Reproduces the Grand Recorder's "note" and says we "are not averse to mixing sentiment with business." The current Proceedings will show that we had some more "sentiment" at Tarboro, and we are looking forward to another installment in the spring.

Nine Commanderies, 597 Knights; gain, 37.

Sir Washington P. Baldwin, Macon, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Roland B. Hall, Macon, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Atlanta, May 9th, 1894.

ILLINOIS.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Chicago, October 24th, 1893.

Sir Charles G. Mac, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers present and representatives from 57 of the 63 chartered Commanderies. Thirty Grand Jurisdictions represented, North Carolina included. The Grand Commander's address states that the work of the Templar year has been kept back on account of the apparently inexcusable delay in promulgating the new ritual. Issued a dispensation to open a new Commandery, and recommended that it be granted a charter. Issued a circular advising the Subordinate Commanderies to observe Easter Sunday or Ascension Day, by attending divine service, and reports that forty-one Commanderies observed the first named day and eight the latter, which indicates that "Armed Piety" takes in Illinois. Deprecates the establishing of new Commanderies, believing that stronger ones are needed, which cannot be expected if new ones are erected. Considers the system of inspections of great benefit to the Order, and recommends one or more Templar encampments the coming year. Only a general mention of the fraternal dead is made by the Grand Commander, it being left to a special committee, who present an extended report, appropriately mentioning the distinguished deceased fraters of sister jurisdictions, Sir Knights Bain and Barham being among the number. Fourteen pages of the proceedings are filled with the reports of the Grand Officers officiating as Inspecting Officers in the various districts.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$6,734 on hand.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight John Corson Smith, and is his fifth. It is a most able and interesting document of nearly a hundred pages, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Jurisdictions. Under the caption of Illinois two papers are presented, "Jaffa to Jerusalem" and the "City of the Great King," which continue the story of Sir Knight Smith's travels abroad. These papers are highly entertaining, and are lavishly illustrated with fine phototypes of scenes of interest to Templars.

North Carolina for 1893 receives kindly mention, and the description of the banquet is "scissored." He evidently credits Sir Knight Munson's inspiration to "Lobster and Milk," and says "we have been where 'the sea had been called upon to furnish its quota for tickling the palate,' and had our 'palate tickled,' " which leads us to think he must have had a rough time "going across the pond." Condoles with Sir Knight Blount and regrets his retirement from the corps, in which sentiment we most heartily join. Sir Knight Smith believes in each correspondent giving his own views, and characterizes the work of one of them as being "too labored in the effort to give no offence by differing in an opinion." This will do well enough for the veterans, but the average beginner who started out that way would probably find out that he had "bitten off more than he could chew" if he happened to be kept in the harness another year. Just imagine a half dozen of the *iron-clads*, (not necessary to call them by name) turning loose on a poor little cruiser whose only strong point is its ability to run away. Oh no, Frater Smith, not this year.

Sixty-three Commanderies, 8,881 Knights; gain 296.

Sir Harvey M. Hall, Olney, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir John Corson Smith, Chicago, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Chicago, October 23rd, 1894.

INDIANA.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Indianapolis, April 19th, 1893.

Sir Joseph A. Manning, R. E. Grand Commander. Two of the Grand Officers were absent, but all of the chartered Commanderies were represented, and 24 Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina not being among the number. The Grand Commander's address fills 46 pages of the proceedings and is a very interesting recapitulation of his various official acts, in which he says:

"The past year has been a very fruitful and healthy one as regards the affairs of the Order in this Jurisdiction. The increase of membership is the largest since the organization of this Grand Body."

Three new Commanderies were constituted and one organized under dispensation. Dispensations were refused for permission to appear in Templar costume on Columbus and Memorial Days, the Grand Commander assuming very properly that they were not Masonic occasions. We regret that we have not space to quote him at length on this point, inasmuch as there appears to be an honest difference of opinion, which does not always come from a sectional point of view. Several official visitations were made and regret expressed at the inability to visit all. One of his three decisions we quote, as an illustration of the exceedingly foolish questions that are sometimes asked:

"Would it be violating the rules of the Commandery to receive an application for membership, as for instance, our stated Conclave will be on the

15th, and the candidate will receive the Royal Arch on the 17th. I am aware that when he makes application he states that he is a Royal Arch Mason, but in this case he wishes to get the Templar degrees as soon as possible, rather an emergency case. By doing this we can save four weeks, and in the meantime, should he not take the Royal Arch, we could withdraw the petition. What say you, can you help us out on this that we may receive the petition on the 15th, although he takes the Royal Arch on the 17th?

Answer. It would be a most gross violation of the law, and there is perjury in the petition. Do not think of such a thing."

The Triennial is fully reported on, and the opinion expressed that more could be accomplished by the Grand Encampment if all who are duly entitled to seats would attend:

"I submit there is a duty we owe to the Fraters who have advanced us to honorable position in an Order which stands pre-eminent in its character, and to perform at all times the very best service for its advancement and protection. Our duty does not end in filling for the time being, and then passing out of office. So long as life remains to us, so long are there exacting duties to perform."

Sound sentiment and worthy of being pasted in the chapeau of every Knight Templar.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a surplus of nearly \$6,500.

Unexpended balance from the Triennial was turned over to a committee on the Triennial of 1895, and a resolution to appropriate \$3,000 to go with it was referred to the Committee on Claims. The amount of \$3,797, raised for the Denver Triennial, came largely from the subordinate Commanderies.

Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle presents the report on Correspondence, covering 108 pages and reviewing 38 Grand Jurisdictions. Last year Sir Knight Blount said that it "was full and complete," and we could not improve on that if we tried. He does not hesitate to "scissor" where it appears essential in order to give the "other feller" a fair showing, and incorporates a liberal amount of statistics, which, while not very connected reading, serve to give the reader a good idea of what the various Templar Jurisdictions are accomplishing. We confess to a fondness for statistics, and would indulge to a much greater extent, except for the nightmare apprehension that our report will be so extended that a committee of revision will be appointed to reduce it to a size commensurate with the financial standing of our Grand Commandery. We must keep funds enough to make a show at the Triennial anyway. North Carolina for 1892 receives courteous attention. Notes that the Commanderies "wisely did not avail themselves" of dispensation to visit Raleigh on Masonic Day of the State Exposition. Referring to the dispensations to open and form Commanderies of the Indispensable Number, he says:

"Although the Code declares that both Grand Master and Grand Commander are vested with the power to authorize Commanderies of the Indispensable Number, the ritualistic provision limits the exercise of this power to a meeting under the sanction of a warrant or charter for the purpose of

forming and opening a Commandery. We do not believe the authorization of a Commandery of the Indispensable Number is within the scope of the prerogatives of a Grand Master or a Grand Commander, except for the initial purpose of the establishment of a Commandery. It does not appear that this power should be exercised for the organization of a temporary Commandery for the conferring of Orders."

Thirty-six Commanderies, 3,255 Knights; gain, 266.

Sir Simeon S. Johnson, Jeffersonville, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Indianapolis, April 18th, 1894.

IOWA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 12, 1893.

Sir E. Olin Soule, R. E. Grand Commander. Only one of the Grand Officers absent, but 20 of the 54 Subordinate Commanderies failed to respond. Representatives were present from 12 sister Jurisdictions, including North Carolina.

The Grand Commander reports the year as having been one of tranquility and prosperity. Was called upon for but few decisions, and those "could have been readily answered if the Code and Statutes had been consulted" by the questioner. The following is the answer to a question propounded to Grand Master McCurdy:

"A Past Grand Commander remains a member of his own Grand Commandery as long as he is a member of one of its subordinates, whether he continues to reside in its jurisdiction or not."

Easter Sunday or Ascension Day were quite generally observed, some of the Commanderies turning out on both occasions, and improving the time to visit the cemeteries and decorate with flowers the graves of the Knightly dead. We heartily endorse this adjunct of the ordinary observance of the day and wish it might become universal:

"It is a pleasurable thought that one day of the beautiful spring is set apart to the memory of the departed Sir Knights, and that we 'are not forgotten when we are gone.'"

Inspection and review were allowed to go by default as the new Ritual had not made its appearance. The Grand Treasurer reports \$1,236 on hand. "Shibboleth" was adopted as the monitor of the Jurisdiction.

The proceedings are illustrated by a portrait of Grand Commander Soule and several very fine views of Templar Park, from which it appears to be a very desirable location for a summer gathering. The evenings were given up to social festivities, with all that the word implies.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight J. C. W. Coxe, Chairman of the Committee, who reviews the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, filling eighty pages with bright and sparkling comment, interspersed with appropriate clippings as texts and illustrations. North Carolina for

1892 and 1893 is very pleasantly mentioned. Quoting from Grand Commander Allen's address, he says :

"He recites his request made to the Grand Commander of Tennessee for permission for one of his commanderies to 'enter that Grand Jurisdiction on an errand of peace and good fellowship, which was readily complied with.' The invading force went and returned without blood-shed or any casualty ; a 'pilgrimage' to visit a neighboring Commandery. If this sort of nonsense pleases any one we would not be cruel enough to object, but we must be indulged in the privilege of smiling at the innocence of it all the same."

Criticises our Commanderies of the Indispensable Number, not being clear as to their authority or regularity. The following sentence from an official report seems to excite his risibility :

"The lines when formed for rehearsal presented an imposing appearance, there being fifteen or more present, all wearing full uniform," as he says, "but for the general tenor of the report we should find a lurking sarcasm under that word 'imposing,' but the evident sincerity of the writer forbids such supposition."

Evidently he has never seen the "Tar Heel" Fraters drawn up in line or he would have spared us that comment, but in confidence, Sir Coxe, if we were away from home we would laugh with you. Further on he says :

"A dispensation was refused by the Deputy Grand Commander—in the absence from the State of the Grand Commander—for a Commandery to appear in Templar uniform at a promenade concert, 'on the ground that it was not deemed a Masonic occasion' ! That officer deserved promotion—and did not get it."

He was promoted but much to the regret of his Fraters declined to accept, apparently considering it honor enough to continue the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Sir Knight Blount's "resignation" is honored with a place.

We lay down Iowa with regret that we cannot favor our Fraters with some of its good things, only saying that "Pilgrimage" and "Invasion" with Sir Knight Coxe usurp the place occupied by "Armed Piety" and "Uniformed Religion" with Sir Knight DeLap.

Fifty-four Commanderies, 4 202 Knights ; gain 152.

Sir Washington I. Babb, Mt. Pleasant, Commander.

Sir Alfred Wiugate, Des Moines, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir J. W. C. Coxe, Washington. Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 10th, 1894.

KANSAS.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Topeka, May 9th, 1893.

Sir Edward C. Culp, R. E. Grand Commander, a fine portrait of whom faces the title page. Six of the Grand Officers did not appear, but a large number of Past Grand Officers were present and the Representatives of

twenty Grand Commanderies, North Carolina's being among them. Only one of the Chartered Commanderies unrepresented.

The Grand Commander's address is a lengthy document and reads well. Pays deserved tribute to the memory of Sir John H. Brown, Grand Recorder, and Sir Frank W. Lanyon, Grand Treasurer, both of whom died during the past year; also to the other fraternal dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions.

Official visitations were allowed to lapse pending the arrival of the new ritual, but he is a firm believer in the great benefits to be derived from them.

Dispensations were issued to form four new Commanderies, all of which were chartered at this Conclave. Declined many dispensations for good and sufficient reasons, and concerning one kind of requests he says:

"Those who compose our Commanderies also compose our lodges, and it seems strange that applications should be made to a Grand Commander for permission to appear in public on occasions when it would never be thought of to prefer a similar request to the Grand Master for permission for a lodge to appear as such in public parades. Templarism is not concerned in the pomp and pageant of public display."

The request for Christmas observance was quite generally complied with, and he hopes to see it the unbroken custom of the subordinate Commanderies, commending it as a most beautiful idea.

The Grand Commandery is in a sound financial condition as they have \$5,876 on hand, and the Grand Recorder reports that all of the subordinate Commanderies have discharged their obligations to the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Dwight Byington, Grand Recorder, presents his maiden effort as Correspondent, filling fifty-six pages of fine type, with a review of the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies. As would naturally be the case with a beginner he is chary of comment, contenting himself with noting what has taken place and illustrating with frequent quotations. Some of the Fraters of the quill will undoubtedly complain, because they "cannot quote what he does not say," but we are not disposed to find fault, as we are travelling the same road ourself and realize that we must creep before we can walk, to say nothing about the *flights* of some of the reviewers.

The report is well put together and gives North Carolina for 1892 due mention, considering that Kansas of '91 was among the "lost." It is now found, however.

Thirty-eight Commanderies, 2,938 Knights; gain 397.

Sir Clark Gray, Larned, Grand Commander.

Sir Dwight Byington, Leavenworth, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Hutchinson, May 8th, 1894.

KENTUCKY.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Mammoth Cave Hotel, May 17th, 1893.

Sir Charles H. Fisk, R. E. Grand Commander. The "Office of Public

Worship" was conducted by the Grand Prelate, Sir Reginald Heber Thompson, who delivered a very impressive sermon. The Grand Officers were present with one exception, but only fifteen of the twenty-six subordinate Commanderies were represented. Seventeen Grand Commanderies were represented, North Carolina not being among the number.

The Grand Commander considers himself fortunate in having held the office during such an important and successful Conclave as the Triennial, and feels sure that the Kentucky Sir Knights will heartily approve the new Ritual.

Issued numerous dispensations to ballot on candidates out of time but required that previous notice of the ballot and the names of the candidates be sent to every member of the Commandery, which is a most sensible requirement if this highly objectionable practice is to be sanctioned.

"Invasion" is considered an expression that should never be heard from a Knight Templar, and the Grand Commander holds that no Grand Commandery has authority to give visiting Knights the right to make an *invasion*. This matter is fully treated in vigorous and unmistakable language and we regret that space does not permit of presenting his views in full.

He is inclined to consider the usefulness of the Grand Representatives usurped to a certain extent at the present time by the Correspondents. Dispensed with the usual visits pending the promulgation of the new Ritual.

One Commandery has been constituted and two formed under dispensation. One Commandery has surrendered its Charter, but prosperity and growth is reported for the year.

Past Grand Commanders Horace Jannary and Jacob Owen receive fitting mention, as well as other distinguished Fraters at home and abroad. An appeal is made for aid to be extended to the Widows' and Orphaus' Home. A portrait of the Grand Commander appears in the Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is by that veteran reviewer, Sir Charles R. Woodruff, who announces it as his *twentieth*, and says:

"Two decades, two-thirds of a generation, have passed away since we first assumed the position of a Templar Correspondent, and of those then occupied with similar labors, but Sir Knight Innes, of Michigan, alone remains to bear us company, our former companions having been called away, the greater part of them by death. Year after year, in the most imperceptible flight of time, we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one after another of these dear friends; and even at the writing of this report to record with poignant grief the inevitable summons of the brilliant and amiable Horner, of Louisiana."

Hardly had these words appeared in print when Sir Knight Innes was called hence, and passed to that blessed reward that awaits the tried and faithful Knight.

Thirty-eight Jurisdictions are noticed and the report fills 109 pages. It is

admirably prepared, numerous excerpts given from the reports reviewed, and any difference in opinion the writer may entertain is courteously expressed, which is in striking contrast with the manner of some of the corps of reviewers.

North Carolina for 1892 receives appropriate notice, and Sir Knight Blount's objections to celebrating holy days with Templar service, is quoted. We regret that space does not permit quoting at length from this report.

Twenty-six Commanderies, 1,821 Knights; gain 10.

Sir Thomas J. Flournoy, Paducah, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Paducah, May 16th, 1894.

LOUISIANA.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE. New Orleans, February 16th, 1894.

Sir Charles F. Buck, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and all of the Subordinate Commanderies represented, also representatives from twenty-eight Grand Commanderies, North Carolina being among the number. We note that one Sir Knight appears as the Representative of no less than five Jurisdictions, one of three, and two of two each, which would indicate that there are more than enough honors to go around.

The Grand Commander says that his official labors have been very light, and adduces it as evidence of the

"Prevalence of peace and good order, and the well established regularity with which our Commanderies do their work and administer their affairs."

The new ritual has been taken up by the two local Commanderies, and their officers are well versed in it. The "Christmas Libation" was observed for the second time by a goodly number of Sir Knights, and the view is expressed that the occasion should be made a common festival, at which all should be present.

Reports the finances of the Grand Commandery as being low, but their wants are few although good use could be made of funds if they were in hand, which is a very philosophic view of the situation, to say the least. Commends the public observance of Ascension Day in an unostentatious manner.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$106.00 on hand.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knights J. Q. A. Fellows and Richard Lambert, who acknowledge the Receipt of the Proceedings of nearly all of the Grand Commanderies, but after noting that a fair degree of prosperity is shown, they devote the restricted space at their command to a list of the distinguished Fraternal dead, and a very full review of the doings of the Grand Encampment.

The following extract will be of interest to *small* Grand Commanderies in view of the approaching Triennial:

"Among the many delegations in the line of march, which called for applause from the reviewing stands, for their knightly appearance and fine style of marching, was one, small in numbers, comparatively, found afterward to be composed of Knights from two separate Jurisdictions, which passed the grand-stand in the form of a Passion Cross. It was learned subsequently that it passed each of the several stands in the same order of formation, and received applause from all. One of the members being asked how the Knights from separate Jurisdictions never having drilled together, could make the necessary changes during the march, he replied: 'We didn't change at all; had we attempted it we would have gone all to pieces; before we started we put each man in his place, with strict orders, on no pretense whatever to leave it, and placing two experienced ones in the lead and two at each end of the cross and all the others had to do was to keep the place assigned them. If the applause received was not deserved for skill in manœuvring, it was most assuredly deserved by the ingenuity of the arrangement.'"

Three Commanderies, 293 Knights; gain, 9.

Sir Charles F. Buck, New Orleans, Grand Commander, (re-elected.)

Sir Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Next Conclave, New Orleans, February 15th, 1895.

MAINE.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Portland, May 4th, 1893.

Sir Thomas P. Shaw, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers were present. Seventeen of the thirty chartered Commanderies were represented and thirty Grand Commanderies, North Carolina not being among the number.

The Grand Commander reports peace and harmony prevailing with but few questions submitted for decision. Notes the death of two members of the Grand Commandery and distinguished fraternal dead of other jurisdictions.

Declined to issue dispensation for parade in Templar uniform on Columbus Day. Regrets his inability to make but few official visitations. Referring to the new Ritual, which has been so much desired and sought for, he says:

"We of Maine may take just pride in the accomplishment of so great a result, from the fact that we are honored by having the chairman selected from our jurisdiction, and the result, so far reaching, will always remain a source of gratification to him and his co-laborers, and a lasting testimonial to their ability and love for our illustrious and magnanimous order."

"This Grand Jurisdiction was still further honored by the passing of the complimentary report of the Committee on Christmas Toast. By this action, the observance of Christmas Day by Knights Templar received the official sanction and becomes a ceremony, which, if carried out in the spirit it embodies, will serve as a tie to bind us still stronger 'in the faith,' and make the beautiful Christmas-tide one of especial significance to Knights Templar."

From the reports of the Grand Officers we learn that the order generally is in a flourishing condition with a growing interest in "its ceremonies, its tenents, and the character of its membership." The banquets were enjoyed as usual.

The Grand Treasurer reports the cash on hand as being \$1,422.00.

The Orders of the Red Cross and Knights Templar were exemplified according to the new Ritual.

Sir Knight Stephen Berry presents his eighteenth report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies and the Grand Encampment, in a very entertaining and dignified manner, as might be expected from one who has served such an extended apprenticeship.

North Carolina for 1892 has brief mention, which perhaps is all that is deserved considering those "lost" proceedings. Sir Knight Blount is honored by a quotation of his views on "holy days."

Under New Hampshire, commenting upon the fact that less than one-third of their Triennial appropriation was used although they kept open house, he says :

"While we may look back with perhaps unchristian pride upon the Ancient Templar who waded deepest in blood, there is really a question if the truest modern Knighthood lies in wading deepest in champagne."

We regret to say that apparently the present general idea of hospitality is based on the frequency of the libations.

We quote from Ohio his criticism on Sir Knight Carson's panegyric on St. Anthony as compared with St. John.

"Many have seriously doubted whether the devil really appeared to St. Anthony, thinking that the appearances may have been hallucinations. It seems, however to be generally accepted, that the claim that he never bathed was true. This added greatly to his sanctity in the middle ages, but has less force now."

A fine steel-engraved portrait of the late veteran Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Ira Berry, faces the Report on Correspondence, and one of Grand Commander Shaw also graces the Proceedings.

Nineteen Commanderies, 2,645 Knights ; gain 62.

Sir Horace H. Burbank, Saco, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder, (re-elected) and Chairman Committee on Correspondence

Next Conclave, Portland, May 3rd, 1894.

MARYLAND.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Baltimore, November 28th, 1893.

Sir William H. Ruby, R. E. Grand Commander. Only one of the Grand Officers absent and all of the subordinate Commanderies represented. A large attendance of Past Grand Officers, also the representatives of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander reports an easy time, in the enjoyment of which he has been aided by the zealous Grand Reeorder, Sir John H. Miller. Five Commanderies held a conjoint Ascension Day service at Trinity Church.

Says that "the several Commanderies stationed in Baltimore have gone to work promptly" in the use of the new Ritual. The returns indicate a gratifying increase and continued prosperity.

A fitting tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Commander Robert K. Martin, and other fraternal dead receive appropriate mention. The ceremonies incident to the dedication of the new Masonic Temple are fully detailed, and the Sir Knights appear to have made a highly creditable appearance in the procession. The following is an explicit expression of opinion on the uniform question, which we fully endorse :

"There is no question of greater importance to a Commandery than the prompt uniforming of a Sir Knight after he has been dubbed a Knight Templar. A Knight Templar without a uniform is of little use to a Commandery in the discharge of its regular functions, as that of appearance in line in public, either upon parade or in the burial of the dead. I am aware that there are circumstances where Sir Knights are unable to procure uniforms, but these instances are few. No Royal Arch Mason should make application to a Commandery of Knights Templar unless he considers well the monetary cost it will subject him to, not only for the admission fee, but for his uniform complete. If he is not fully able to bear all these absolute expenses he should not present his petition until he feels amply able to do so."

A Special Conclave was held on September 14th, for the purpose of consecrating the new Asylum in the re-constructed Masonic Temple. At the dedication a well-written and highly appropriate address was delivered by Past Grand Commander F. J. S. Gorgas.

A view of the Temple and one of Gothic Hall (the Asylum), also a portrait of Grand Commander Ruby embellish the proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows \$800 on the right side of the ledger.

Finance Committee on Temple Dedication specify items of "Cigars" and "Punch." The Committee certainly had the courage of their appetites inasmuch as they did not bury those specific expenditures under the general rubbish of refreshments.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight F. J. S. Gorgas, Chairman of the Committee, who announces it as his seventeenth, and says he

"Has *briefly* reviewed the Proceedings of all the Grand Templar Bodies, which is the first opportunity afforded for many years of completing the record."

They spent so much on Dedication ceremonies that they felt obliged to make the report as small as possible "without omitting anything which will instruct and interest our own members." Sir Knight Gorgas makes an able and exhaustive review notwithstanding his limitation, with almost no "scissors" work.

North Carolina for 1892 receives kindly mention. Sir Knight Blount's

retirement is received with regret, and the writer is fraternally welcomed to the ranks, for which he returns thanks.

Under Vermont Sir Knight Gorgas says :

"If the Grand Commander thought Memorial Day was a proper occasion for such a Templar parade, he had a perfect right to act as he did."

We commend the catholicity of spirit manifested, quite in contrast with some correspondents.

Sir James P. Clark, Baltimore, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Recorder, (re elected.)

Sir F. J. S Gorgas, Baltimore, Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Baltimore, November 27th, 1894.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Boston, October 26th, 1893.

Sir William H. H. Soule, R. E. Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and Representatives from all of the subordinate Commanderies. Twenty-seven Grand Commanderies represented including North Carolina.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says :

"The year now closing has been one of growth and prosperity, characterized by harmony of feeling and action in our deliberations, and a spirit of loyalty and fidelity to the principles of our beloved Order."

Fraternal dead receive appropriate and touching mention. Dispensations were issued for numerous parades and inter-State visits, but no mention appears of *invasions*. Visited officially every Commandery during the year, and suggests that the Grand Commander be relieved from personal inspections, except at his option, with power to designate any Grand Officer to perform the duty. The reports of the Inspecting Officers make a very favorable showing for the various Commanderies. It is also suggested that the semi-annual Conclave be dispensed with, having a two-day session annually, changing its place of meeting so as to create increased interest in new centres. This will be a new departure for this Jurisdiction, but we have no doubt of its being productive of the best results.

The Grand Commandery is well-to-do, having nearly \$4,000.00 in its treasury.

A fine steel-engraved portrait of Grand Commander Soule adorns the Proceedings.

A special Conclave was held at Beverly, November 3rd, 1892, for the purpose of constituting a new Commandery and installing its officers, all but one of the Grand Officers being present.

A special Conclave was held at Haverhill, April 4th, 1893, to conduct the funeral service of the late V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Nathan S. Kimball

The semi-annual conclave was held in Providence, R. I., May 25th, 1893. All of the Grand Officers were present. The Grand Commander pays an

appropriate tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Nathan S. Kimball and other Fraternal dead, our beloved Frater, Sir Knight Bain, being described as one

“Who by long continued service had endeared himself to all who came within the circle of his acquaintance, and in various positions of trust, for which he was peculiarly fitted, he served with marked ability and faithfulness.”

A dispensation was ordered to be issued to establish a new Commandery.

The coming Triennial was alluded to and a committee announced “to take the preliminary measures for the consummation of this important event.” The Order of the Red Cross, according to the new Ritual, was exemplified by St. Omer Commandery.

The Report on Correspondence is the conjoint work of Sir Knights Henry W. Rugg and P. Voorhees Finch, and as would naturally be expected from such a well-equipped team, is a very scholarly, comprehensive and interesting review of the Proceedings of thirty-two Jurisdictions and the Grand Encampment, filling ninety-five pages. The work of review was equally divided, the Chairman writing the introduction and conclusion. The utility and value of these reviews is considered, and the conclusion reached that while there are many who do not care for them yet, those who do read and appreciate such reports are entitled to consideration, while the continued publication will undoubtedly have an educational effect, and in time produce satisfactory results. The reports would probably be more generally read if they were more interesting and instructive, but defective as they may be, their influence is upheld by many enlightened and zealous members of the Order. With all of which we most heartily concur.

North Carolina for 1893 is noticed in a very courteous manner by Sir Knight Finch

A rejoinder is made to Sir Knight Blount's assumption that “preachers” ought to make the best reviewers because they have an abundance of time at their disposal, in addition to other qualifications, and we give our Fraters the benefit of it :

“How little this good Frater knows about the work of the average clergyman. It is work every secular day, and all day, as the rule, and when Sunday comes, instead of having the delightful little let up that the layman enjoys, the poor parson has to work harder than ever. The writer of this, after graduating from college, spent several years in the Metropolitan Bank, N. Y. The duties of the position there were exacting and sometimes arduous, but, whenever the choir sings ‘O Paradise, O Paradise,’ his thoughts are very apt to revert to the good old days in that bank. It is our humble opinion that there are no harder worked people in the country than our live clergymen. Dixie. Thank you Frater Blount for the opportunity.”

Go it lawyer, go it preacher !

All we have to say is that you will have hard work to convince the average lawyer down this way that he is not the hardest worked mortal on earth while on the other hand bank officials apparently have a harder time than

they used to, at least some of them do, and perhaps our Frater has not reached the point where he can start in at the other end of his barrel of sermons.

Forty-four Commanderies, 9,911 Knights; gain 322.

Sir Charles C. Fry, Lynn, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn, Grand Recorder. (re-elected.)

Sirs Henry W. Rugg and P. Voorhees Finch, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave, October 25th, 1894.

MICHIGAN.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Bay City, May 16th, 1893.

Sir Jefferson S. Connover, R. E. Grand Commander. The Grand Officers all responded at roll call and all of the subordinate Commanderies were represented. A large number of Past Grand Officers were present but no Grand Representatives, as the custom is not indulged in by this Jurisdiction.

The volume of Proceedings is *immense*, containing 364 pages, including the Memorial Tablets, and is got up in very attractive and artistic shape.

The Grand Commander's address is long but interesting, instructive and uplifting. He says:

"Our Order, Sir Knights, is calculated to make men better—better men, better citizens—and if we have not advanced in this direction in the past year; if we have not been made stronger to do battle for the right; stronger to resist the wrong, than we were one year ago, then is our work of the past year, so far, a failure."

A highly eulogistic Special Order announcing the death of Sir Knight Luman R. Atwater, Past Grand Commander, appears and distinguished fraternal dead of other jurisdictions are courteously mentioned.

A dispensation was issued to permit any Commanderies that desired, to observe Ascension Day with appropriate ceremonies, but the Grand Commander reports that less than one-fourth of the Commanderies availed themselves of the privilege and asks for a general observance the coming year.

Numerous dispensations were issued for a variety of purposes and declined to issue several to parade on occasions that could not possibly be considered Masonic.

Several official visits were made and the Commanderies were found doing good work, which he believes could be made more uniform by having "thorough, systematic inspection by a competent officer."

The Triennial comes in for a due share of mention and the Conclave is deemed a "gratifying success." A more liberal appropriation is recommended for the next one, but we do not find that any action was taken in the matter,

We quote the following decision:

Question. At a stated conclave held on December 4th, 1891, a petition was balloted on and rejected. At the stated conclave held on June 3rd, 1892, the same petition was again presented. Would it be impossible for us to receive this petition, the time being one day less than six calendar months although more than six lunar months?

Answer. It being the universally adopted rule that four weeks, or a *lunar month*, is a Masonic month, I would decide that in this case, the petitioner for the orders having waited more than six *lunar months*, could renew his petition on June 3rd, although one day less than six calendar months had elapsed since his rejection."

As a matter of fact we suppose that the *intent* of the law is that the period shall extend to the *sixth* regular meeting after the one in which the rejection took place, which would naturally be twenty-six weeks. If the Grand Commander means, what he appears to say, that the petitioner could renew his petition in *twenty-four* weeks after rejection, we shall be obliged to dissent. Furthermore we do not consider the *lunar month* is the *Masonic month*, as the meetings are identified as being held on certain week days of each month, which one-fourth of the time will bring them five weeks apart.

Five petitions for new Commanderies were referred to the Grand Commandery, which eventually granted one. A fervent appeal is made for action looking towards the permanent maintenance of the Masonic Home.

In closing the Grand Commander says :

"If I have given prominence to any one special feature of Templar duties during the year I have served you as Grand Commander, it has been the building up of the moral and religious standard of our Order. * * * Is the world being made any better for your having lived in it? Is there anything in your Order beyond its social features and its gaudy trappings? * * * * These are practical questions that we must meet and answer, and by the way our lives exemplify our answers, will we be judged."

A portrait of Sir Knight Connover graces the Proceedings.

One Commandery was dissolved on account of its weakness.

The Grand Recorder's salary was increased fifty dollars, and five hundred dollars donated to the Masonic Home. Cash on hand, \$3,371.

A congratulatory telegram was sent to Past Grand Commander Theodore S. Parvii, it being his Golden Wedding day.

The Report on Correspondence is by our late lamented Frater Sir Knight William P. Innes, and what more need be said? He has filled 264 pages with interesting extracts of generous length, seasoned with courteous comment, the whole being set forth in the printer's best style. Sir Innes regrets his "inability to do justice to all," being "reluctantly compelled to confine ourselves to a reasonable space." Could he possibly realize the strain his brother Correspondents are under with their limitations of *reasonable space*?

North Carolina for '92 is liberally quoted from and as evidence that "Sir Knight Blount is by no means a 'blunt' writer," his opening is quoted in full.

We have only space to quote from Sir Innes' opening and closing, both

of which have a tender and touching significance as the farewell words of one who was laying down the pen for the last time :

"Some who were with us one year ago, and from whom we gleaned much that was instructive and pleasant, have left us, and their tongue is silent and their pen useless; they have passed the warfare of life; their time of penance is a thing of the past, and they have been admitted into the presence of the Great Commander and by Him received into full fellowship and crowned with the crown of immortal life. For one and all we drop a sympathetic tear, and hope when our time shall come that the record we leave behind may be as bright as that of those who have gone before." * * * * *

"Our pleasant reportorial journey through the Templar Jurisdictions is again at an end, and we lay aside our pen with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleased that our task is ended—with regret that we must part with our Fraters of the corps-reportorial for another year."

"The 'grim messenger' has reaped a rich harvest the past year, many valiant Knights of Sister Jurisdictions having been called to attend the Grand Conclave on high, there to receive the reward that awaits those who conquer in His name. We mourn with them in their deep sorrow, and extend to all our heartfelt sympathy."

Hardly had these words appeared in print when he was called to meet the valiant Knights who had preceded him in that Pilgrimage which admits of no return.

Forty-two Commanderies, 5,000 Knights; gain 227.

Sir Henry L. Anthony, Sturgis, Grand Commander.

Sir William P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Recorder, (re-elected), and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Kalamazoo, May 15th, 1894.

MINNESOTA.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Minneapolis, June 24th, 1893.

Sir T. W. Hugo, R. E. Grand Commander. Four Grand Officers absent and five of the twenty-four commanderies unrepresented. Twenty Grand Commanderies represented, North Carolina not being among them.

The Grand Commander's address is a common-sense document. Reports at length on the Triennial. Considers the new ritual the most important business presented, and if the Malta ritual can be modified, the Order of the Temple will be well and worthily supplied.

Has been called on for numerous dispensations, and this refers to one class of requests :

"Dispensations to receive and act on a petition at one and the same meeting have been refused; and unless good reasons have been given, dispensations to shorten up the statutory time to elapse between the reception and balloting on a petition have been refused; such reasons as 'the candidate is in a hurry to get through,' 'the candidate wants this,' and 'the candidate is a good fellow,' are very poor reasons. While we may desire to treat our petitioners as courteously as possible, and do all we can for

them, we owe it to our Commandery to go slow, and it is better that we should inconvenience a dozen petitioners than that a single unworthy one should gain an entrance to our Asylum because of our haste."

Two new Commanderies have been constituted, and all but two of the Chartered Commanderies have been officially visited by himself or some delegated Grand Officer. The knife and fork evidently contested the ground with the sword judging from the frequent mention made of banquets in the reports of the official visitations.

Appropriate mention is made of Fraternal dead at home and abroad.

He sanctions the Christmas Toast, which was observed to some extent, and hopes that it will be endorsed by the Grand Commander.

Evidently has some one in his mind in his closing, which can be appropriated by those to whom it rightfully belongs :

"Fraters, let us not lose sight of the grand principles of our Order and be led away by false gods, whether these be found in the uniform and feathers of the Order, or under the shadow of a church observance."

A portrait of the Grand Commander appears as a frontispiece.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$1,627.00 on hand.

The Order of the Red Cross, according to the new Ritual, was exemplified by the officers of the Grand Commandery.

Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Thos. Montgomery, Grand Recorder, who notices thirty-seven Jurisdictions and the Grand Encampment.

North Carolina is pleasantly noticed for both 1892 and 1893, and he deems the Recorder's banquet effusions worth clipping.

From our perusal of the reports on visitation in the Minnesota proceedings, we venture the assertion that the Sir Knights of the Northwest are as handy at trencher service as the Fraters in the Tar Heel State.

Sir Knight Blount is "scissored," and his report is characterized as being "well-written, sparkling with wit and humor, and worthy of being read throughout."

Sir Knight Montgomery has a two-page compilation of statistics, which is an example worthy of imitation by other Jurisdictions.

Twenty-four Commanderies, 2,243 Knights; gain, 97.

Sir J. W. Nash, Minneapolis, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, St. Paul, June 24th, 1894.

MISSOURI.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

St. Louis, April 25th, 1893.

Sir David W. Wallace, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers were present, and fifty-five of the fifty-six Chartered Commanderies were represented, among them North Carolina.

The Grand Commander's address contains a few well-chosen words on the paramount duty of Knights Templar letting the world see they "practice what they preach."

A tender tribute is paid to the memory of R. E. Sir John Henry Brown, P. G. Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, and other Fraternal dead are noted. The Grand Commandery of Missouri has been spared a visitation.

Under decisions we quote the following :

"A Commandery has no power under the Constitution of the Grand Encampment to confer the Order of Knighthood upon a candidate accepted by another Commandery as an act of courtesy."

His view being that under the law there would be a legitimate doubt as to which Commandery the Sir Knight belonged. We are inclined to think that this is rather a strained construction of the law in question, which was not intended to apply to any orders conferred as a matter of courtesy. This decision was accepted by the Grand Commandery.

Declined dispensation for certain appearance in uniform, as they

"Would have a tendency to lower the high standing of our beloved Order, and place it upon a level with inferior orders that celebrate such occasions."

Official visitations have been made by the officers to nearly all of the Commanderies and their reports are most gratifying. A committee reported that the Masonic House had "justified the hopes which prompted its founding" and an additional appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made.

Grand Treasurer reports \$6,322 00 to the credit of the Grand Commandery.

Sir W. H. Mayo presents his sixteenth Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of all but one of the Grand Bodies. It is an elaborate and able review, and we found it "interesting and well prepared" before we came to Sir Mayo's assurance to that effect. Omits the statistical table, which has been a prominent feature for several years, because it seriously delays the issuing of the report, and "the average reader cares but little for them and doesn't appreciate the time and labor spent in their preparation." We are afraid that this applies to the Proceedings generally.

North Carolina for 1892 gets extended notice. He considers a Commandery of the "Indispensable Timber" a novel proceeding and "hopes it is all right." We have had some more of the same sort since, and have felt no ill results as yet.

Referring to the dispensation allowing several commanderies to make a pilgrimage to Raleigh on the occasion of "Masonic Day" at the State Exposition, he says :

"The Knights Templar did not 'take advantage of this dispensation.' We are proud of them, that they did not constitute themselves into a 'side show' to the State Exposition, notwithstanding the 'generous offer' of '25 per cent. of the gross proceeds.'"

Also "the resolution passed the previous year 'making it obligatory upon commanderies to *summon* their members to be present on the occasion of the election of officers *in order to secure a quorum and thus avoid the necessity of a dispensation*,' having worked well, he recommends its extension to occasions of installation. We don't believe in issuing summonses unless imperatively necessary. A Commandery that cannot elect and install its officers without being forced thereto by a summons had better 'quit trying' to be a Commandery."

As a general reply to the above stricture we would say that the custom of this Jurisdiction, so far as the writer knows, is to summon all Masonic bodies for the purposes of electing officers. Further than this we have neither the space nor time for an argument, but, knowing our local conditions, felt justified in adopting the method the Frater so caustically objects to.

Sir Knight Mayo notes Sir Knight Blount's objection to "Holy Days," and has this very sensible comment :

"But although the day may not be set out in the Bible, the event is, and may not a *day*—any suitable day—be set apart for the celebration of the event, and will the day be less suitable that the traditions of some of the churches, and the calculations of some learned and pious men have fixed—whether correctly or not—that particular day?"

Fifty-six Commanderies, 3,929 Knights : gain 299.

Sir Chas. S. Glaspell, Kansas City, Grand Commander.

Sir Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected), and Correspondent

Next Conclave, Kansas City, April 24th, 1894.

MISSISSIPPI.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Natchez. February 9th, 1893.

Sir W. A. Bodenhamer, R. E. Grand Commander. All but two of the Grand Officers present, and nine of the twelve chartered Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address thus alludes to the city in which the Conclave is held,

"That this progressive and prosperous people understand and appreciate the distinguishing characteristics of Knights Templar, charity and hospitality, is evidenced—the latter by the earnest welcome and unbounded hospitality they have to-day extended to you, and the former by the Orphan Asylums located within the city, or at its gates."

Among the Fraternal dead he notes Sir Thomas Palmer, Past Eminent Commander of Mississippi Commandery No. 1, who died in Colorado early in the year, at the advanced age of ninety-three. He was visited by the Mississippi Fraters, who attended the Triennial, and we are sure the occasion will long be remembered by all participating.

One new Commandery was constituted during the year. No questions

came up for decision, but one Commandery had a dispensation to observe Ascension Day in uniform. It looks as if there was treason in the camp.

• The new Ritual is thus noticed :

"At the last Grand Encampment the vexed Ritual question received its quietus by the unanimous adoption of the report of the Committee, and let us hope it will remain settled forever. The continued agitation of this question only breeds discord and cripples the usefulness of Subordinate Commanderies. Whether we like it or not, let us take it and be done with it. In the language of St. Paul, 'Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment.'"

Complains of the poverty of the Grand Commandery and suggests raising the fees from \$40 to \$50, and requiring the payment of \$10 instead of \$5 to the Grand Commandery.

Suggests that the Grand Commandery honor its deceased Past Grand Commanders by putting their portraits in the Proceedings.

At a night session the Office of Devotion was observed at the Methodist Church. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, and we do not understand why on such an occasion the Masonic Home should not have been the beneficiary.

The Grand Commandery withdrew from the management of the Masonic Home, leaving it entirely to the Grand Lodge.

The second evening the Grand Commandery attended the Diamond Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, where Past Grand Master Frederiek Speed gave a very eloquent historical exposition of Free Masonry.

The Grand Commander's recommendation regarding deceased Past Grand Commanders was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight E. George DeLap, and it is only necessary to say that it overflows with the same caustic criticism and pungent comment that characterize his previous efforts. "Armed piety" gets a "base hit" on nearly every page, and the Grand Encampment is fraternally alluded to as the "Central Excrescence."

Under Nebraska he expresses himself thus :

"We have attended *one* Triennial and that satisfied us that nothing too condemnatory of its influence and general worthlessness could be uttered or written."

North Carolina for 1892 is briefly noticed and Grand Commander Allen gets credit for issuing "quite a number of dispensations, but all for legitimate purposes except one, and that was for a little Armed Devotion on 'Ascension Day.'" Sir Knight Blount's "vale" appears in full.

Commenting on the decision of the Grand Commander of Ohio, that "a R. A. Mason engaged in the grocery and wholesale liquor business" was eligible for the Orders, as the law simply required "the candidate to be of *good moral* character," he says in vigorous and unmistakable language :

"In view of the requirements we think the answer should have been, No !

in all the dead and live languages. Morality and whiskey-selling have nothing in common; don't reside in the same house or under the same hat."

Under Tennessee we clip the following :

"The only difference between the wine at Cana and those at Templar and other modern banquets is this: The first was the pure juice of the grape, slightly fermented; the latter is in nine cases out of ten, simply 'Hell Broth' that will make the drinker lie, steal, murder, rape, or any other disreputable thing on the slightest suggestion. God made pure wine, and whiskey too, for a good purpose, and, like all His works, they are *good* in their place, and that place is *not* at a Templar banquet, or on a Christian's sideboard or on his table, because their presence there has a tendency to popularize indulgence in their use and make *drunkards*, a class of people that the same one that made the wine at Cana has said shall *not* inherit the kingdom of God. If Timothy and Paul were on deck *now*, the change in the verbiage of the prescription would be in order."

Sir DeLap's report reviews the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Bodies in addition to the Grand Encampment and the Veterans' Association, and must be read in its entirety to be fully appreciated. We close with a portion of his introductory, and trust that his next appearance will chronicle a full restoration to health :

"We simply give voice to convictions of a half century's growth and observation in the light of God's Word, as it strikes us. We regret the somewhat loneliness of our situation, but deny, in toto, the charge that we consider all who do not concur in our view as fools. These matters are to be adjusted between us and the Judge of all the earth, and to Him we are all alike amenable. We claim the right to hold and freely express our own opinions, and we cheerfully accord the same latitude to the balance of the world. The light of Eternity will demonstrate who is in the right. God grant that those of us who make mistakes and wander from the right path, may see our error, repent, be forgiven and finally saved in heaven."

Ten Commanderies, 360 Knights; gain, 52.

Sir S. W. Ferguson, Greenville, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir E. George DeLap, Natchez, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Holly Springs, February 13th, 1894.

MONTANA.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Helena, October 10th, 1893.

Sir E. D. Aiken, R. E. Grand Commander, whose portrait embellishes the Proceedings. Six of the Grand Officers were not at their posts, but seven of the eight Subordinate Commanderies were represented.

Grand Commander's address is quite brief and generally ecclesiastical in tone. Says they meet under depressing circumstances on account of the financial stringency, but philosophically admits that these annoying and inconvenient circumstances are more than offset by the blessing of health, and the privilege of living in this enlightened land.

Considers the year of the Triennial to be an off one "when we recuscitate and digest what we have devoured—perhaps in superfluity—and allow the financial reservoir to fill up."

"We have not been around to drill and instruct you in the new Ritual, for that has only recently come to hand. We have not called you out for field encampment duty for fear it might frighten somebody and possibly bring on Indian hostilities. We have not issued any edicts, for there are more out now than you can keep track of. We have rendered no decisions, for no questions have been raised, so far as we are informed and believe, that could not be answered as well by those who raised them as could have been done if we had been as wise and learned as we have been sometimes suspected of being. That report of the Committee on Uniform which was presented last year, ordered into print and to lay over, has caused us many anxious days and sleepless nights. We were afraid it was not receiving the attention it deserved. There are no military tailors that we could consult, and we naturally felt delicate about enquiring of our lady friends, who are really the most expert critics in matters of taste and dress. Seriously, we think it was an error not to have adopted it when and as first presented. Don't send it to another committee, nor let it hang over another year to breed moths, perhaps. Take it down manfully from its wardrobe, turn it over, try it on and vote for it with energy and decision."

Issued only one dispensation, which indicates that the Sir Knights of Montana are not reaching out very much for what they ought not to have.

Commissioned a half-dozen Grand Representatives in response to requests, and says :

"Our commissions run during good behavior, and this is expected to continue and improve during life. If any of our Sir Knights straggle into or invade any of these jurisdictions and get arrested and put into the guard house they should apply to the Grand Representative."

Four hundred and seventy-five dollars appears to the credit of the Commandery by the Grand Treasurer's Report. Helena Commandery No. 2, exemplified the work in the Templar Degree according to the new Ritual.

The announcement that a banquet was ready for the Sir Knights caused the Grand Commandery to be closed in due form.

Sir Knight Cornelius Hedges presents an interesting and well written Report on Correspondence covering seventy-eight pages and reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Bodies. He is handy with the pen, and evidently is neither an editor nor a tailor, judging from his non-use of the shears.

North Carolina for 1893 is pleasantly noticed. Apparently wonders how we are going to find the \$500 for headquarters at the next Triennial. We expect that some of it will come from a proposed reduction in Recorder Munson's salary, and the balance by omitting to print the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. He parts regretfully with Sir Knight Blount, and no one regrets his retirement more than we do. He closes thus :

"Since last we did this duty some have gone whom we sorely miss and ere we resume the pen another year, more will go home. It may be you or

me; it matters not, if we fall on the field of duty. So good-bye, and may God prosper the right and give you each a crown."

Prophetic words, for two shining lights of the corps have already laid down their pens and gone to an eternal rest.

Eight Commanderies, 334 Knights; gain 2.

Sir A. L. Babcock, Billings, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Recorder, (re-elected), and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Billings, September 18th, 1894.

NEBRASKA.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Fremont, April 11th, 1893.

Sir Edgar C. Salisbury, R. E. Grand Commander. Two of the Grand Officers were absent, and five of the twenty-two chartered Commanderies unrepresented. Representatives from sixteen Grand Commanderies, North Carolina included, were on hand.

A steel engraved portrait of the Grand Commander graces the Proceedings.

The Grand Commander's address is a general recapitulation of his official acts, from which we gather that the year just passed

"Has been one of unusual prosperity in the Order, due, no doubt, to the holding of the Grand Encampment almost at our very doors, and also to the fact that an abundant harvest has blessed our people, and peace, happiness and prosperity reign within our borders."

Fraternal dead at home and abroad are alluded to in feeling terms, and designated at length. Declined to grant a number of dispensations to ballot upon petitions in less than the required time, as he believed "great care should be exercised, and every safeguard thrown around the privilege, so that each and every Sir Knight may have his rights protected." Official visitations were assigned to all of the Grand Officers. Thinks

"We are very fortunate as an Order, in having a Ritual that has passed through such critical and scrutinizing hands, and I believe it is one that every Commandery in this Jurisdiction can heartily endorse."

Gives an extended report of the Triennial, in the festivities of which Nebraska seems to have made quite a show. The Christmas Toast was quite generally observed. Recommends the Grand Commandery to select a stated day in each year for religious service. Is proud of the growth of the Order in his Jurisdiction, the past year it being 14 per cent. showing that

"Our Order has the respect and confidence of the world at large."
 "Let us strive, Sir Knights, to merit this confidence, and guard well the outer portals of our Asylum."

Grand Treasurer reports \$491.99 as the "available funds."

Per capita dues to the Grand Commandery were raised to \$1.50 per year.

This increase of fifty cents is to be "placed in a fund to be known as the Triennial Fund, and held for the exclusive use of the Grand Commandery at Triennial Conclaves."

The Report on Correspondence is the conjoint production of Sir Knights W. T. Whitmarsh, F. E. Bullard and S. P. Davidson. They make a good team and have prepared a very readable review of the proceedings of thirty-four of the sister Jurisdictions.

North Carolina for 1892 is handled by Sir Knight Bullard, who locates the Conclave of that year at *Piedmont*. Quotes Grand Commander Allen on Ascension Day observance and says :

"We do not see that any attention was paid to this recommendation, but it is only a matter of a few years when the great Christian days will be observed by Christians of every name, without regard to Roman superstition or usurpation."

Ohio and Tennessee get fully one-fifth of the whole report, which is but natural considering the opportunities the reports of those Jurisdictions give for getting up a discussion.

Twenty-two Commanderies, 1,580 Knights; gain 194.

Sir Wm R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Commander.

Sir Thos. A. Creigh, Grand Recorder.

Sir W. T. Whitmarsh, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Norfolk, April 3rd, 1894.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Concord, September 26th, 1893.

Sir Thad. E. Sanger, R. E. Grand Commander. Four Grand Officers absent, and two of the ten Subordinate Commanderies unrepresented, which appears strange in a State of such narrow limits and superior transportation facilities. Eighteen Grand Commanderies represented, North Carolina being among the missing.

The Grand Commander's address is quite brief. Says that his official duties have not been arduous or severe; the year has been peaceful and prosperous, and he knows of no discord in his Jurisdiction or any other. Issued an even dozen of dispensations, all but two of which referred to public appearance in uniform on appropriate occasions, largely visitations and pilgrimages, from which it seems that the Granite State Templars are not averse to the "show" business, as characterized by our Alabama Frater. Well, we believe in it ourselves, and regret that our various limitations in North Carolina do not admit of more of it.

The Grand Commander officially visited five of the Commanderies, and the Deputy Grand Commander visited three others.

An appropriate tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Commander John James Bell, but Fraternal dead in other Jurisdictions are unnoticed.

Recommends

"That the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be authorized to attend Divine service in full uniform on Ascension Day and Easter Day without special dispensation."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows funds in hand amounting to \$2,479.00.

Steel-engraved portraits of Grand Commander Sanger and the late John James Bell, Past Grand Commander, grace the Proceedings. The Committee on Necrology present a lengthy tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Bell:

"For nearly forty-four years he had been a Mason, and for more than forty-two years a member of our knightly Order—an earnest, active, faithful and valiant Templar. No better record can be made; no more honorable position can be obtained; no more eloquent and expressive eulogy can be pronounced."

Proceedings brief and of purely local interest.

Sir Knight A. S. Wait presents his fourth Report on Correspondence, filling nearly one hundred pages with a well-digested review of the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies in addition to the Grand Encampment.

North Carolina for 1893 is pleasantly noticed, and much regret is expressed that Sir Knight Blount has felt obliged to retire.

We have lost none of our affection for our native State, and it has been a source of regret that its reports have sometimes failed to reach North Carolina in time for notice.

There is much we would like to quote from Sir Wait's report, but we have only room for a few of his last words:

The ritual of the Orders, a subject which has heretofore elicited much discussion, has finally been settled, and to the evident satisfaction of the great body of the Fraternity, and in such a manner as to afford a just belief that it will not return as an element of disturbance. All indications encourage the belief that the future is fraught not only with prosperity to our noble Order, but with the usefulness of beneficent deeds."

So mote it be.

Ten Commanderies, 1,821 Knights; gain, 81.

Sir Charles C. Hayes, Manchester, Grand Commander.

Sir Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir A. S. Wait, Newport, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Concord, September 25th, 1894.

NEW JERSEY.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Trenton, May 9th, 1893.

Sir Wm. F. Muchmore, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers present, and all of the Subordinate Commanderies represented. Twenty-eight Grand Commanderies represented, but North Carolina did not respond.

The Grand Commander's address is very brief. Reports a gratifying increase in membership, the new material being composed of young men. Fraternal dead are appropriately noticed, but the names of some of them fared badly at the hands of the printer. Suggests that the use of the term *invade* be discontinued.

Issued several invitations to attend divine service, all but one being for Ascension Day. Recommends that each Commandery observe this anniversary, and hopes that the practice will be general in the future for this Jurisdiction.

All of the Commanderies were officially visited by duly designated officials, as appears by the reports, which show the existence of harmony and prosperity, and inform us that "the banquets served were thoroughly enjoyed."

The Grand Treasurer has \$1,158 to his credit.

Sir Knight Charles Bechtel presents his tenth Report on Correspondence, the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Bodies being noticed, including the Grand Encampment.

North Carolina for 1892 comes in for its due proportion of space.

Grand Commander Allen's address is "scissored," his views on Ascension Day being deemed worthy of transplanting.

Sir Knight Bechtel writes concisely, and does not hesitate to quote extensively, quite in contrast to his neighbor across the Delaware.

We commend the following:

"We observe and take pleasure in stating the fact, that most of the reports are free from the personalities that formally seemed necessary on the part of some writers to emphasize their views. Please remember, Sirs, that a man is not necessarily a bad man because he differs from you."

Sixteen Commanderies, 1 626 Knights; gain 53.

Sir Warren Dobbs, Jersey City, Grand Commander.

Sir Chas. Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected), and Correspondent.

NEW YORK.

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Buffalo, September 12th, 1893.

Sir Edward L. Gaul, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and representatives from fifty-six of the sixty-two Subordinate Commanderies. Twenty Grand Jurisdictions represented, North Carolina included.

Sir Chas. F. Bishop, Past Eminent Commander, Mayor of Buffalo, welcomed the Grand Commandery in an appropriate address, to which the Grand Commander made a fitting response.

The Grand Commanders annual address is a lengthy but business like document, and of much interest. Reports harmony throughout the State,

and peaceful relations with the other Grand Jurisdictions, with one slight exception.

Fraternal dead are appropriately mentioned, prominent among them being Sir Knight Geo. W. Walgrove, Past Grand Commauder. One new Commandery has been chartered. Official visitations have been interfered with by ill health. Decisions few and not of general interest. Does not think Grand Officers should hold commissions as Grand Representatives, also that only one representative should be assigned to a Commandery, and only to those to whom no Grand Officer belongs. Also says :

"I do not think that Past Grand Commauders should hold the position of Grand Representative. They have received all the honor that can be accorded to them by the Fraters of their respective Jurisdictions, and are *ex-officio* members for life of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. They should therefore be content to rest on their laurels. Representatives should also be more frequently changed. The office of Grand Representative is a highly honorable one, and should be bestowed as a reward upon the valiant Templar who has rendered brilliant service to the Order. Let this be understood and great good will be accomplished."

Notes having Knighted on February 14th, a Compaunion "who had attained the remarkable age of one hundred and two years," and had been a Master Mason for seventy-two years, and the occasion is worthy of more than passing mention.

"The old man is a wonder to everybody, in possession of all his faculties, bright in intellect and vigorous. His hair is only iron gray, and plenty of it; his voice clear and strong; his hearing perfect; reads without glasses, and writes a full round hand. He walked, Tuesday morning, four miles to vote at a town meeting. In politics he is a Jacksonian Democrat. He says he has never used tobacco or spirits, except moderately. At the banquet late in the evening, upon being presented with a cane by Sir Chas. E. Ide, E. Grand Sword Bearer, on behalf of the Knights of Holy Cross, the aged Knight replied at some length, and said that he considered the Order of the Temple a grand body, but if they found in the membership but one Judas Iscariot in every twelve Knights he thought Templars were lucky."

The Grand Commander announces with regret "that this young Sir Knight died in the early summer "

The exchange of Representatives between New York and Indiana was annulled because the latter Jurisdiction commissioned a representative direct without the formality of consulting the Grand Commander of New York in reference thereto, and on attention being called to the matter, responded with a discourteous communication.

The address closes with several suggestions, one of which we quote :

"Attend Conclaves, but don't imitate the man who by going to church Sunday thinks he confers such favor upon the Almighty that he can cavort around with the devil the other six days of the week. Work between Conclaves, carrying a petition in your pocket, and use every honorable effort to increase the efficiency and standing of your Commandery."

Also advises that the memory of the Past Grand Commanders be perpetuated by inserting a portrait each year of one who has not been thus

honored, and that of Sir Knight Geo. W. Walgrove appears this year, in addition to one of Grand Commander Gaul.

Grand Treasurer reports \$10,029 on hand.

Fifteen pages are filled with the reports of official visitations made by the Grand Officers which universally show growth and prosperity.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Jesse B. Anthony, Chairman of the Committee, and reviews thirty-six Jurisdictions, filling one hundred and three pages, of which five are given to the statistics that our distinguished Frater so well knows how to put up, and the report is better than the statistics.

North Carolina comes in for two pages of kindly mention. The Grand Commander's tribute to Sir Knight Bain is quoted; also Sir Knight Blount's "relieved." Announces himself as opposed to "Commanderies of the 'Indispensable Number' for the purpose of conferring the Orders, even if to establish a new Body." Says Munson's banquet note illustrates the "survival of the fittest," which is giving us a great send off, as we all lived through it.

Sir Knight Anthony is quite catholic in his views, as witness Vermont, where he says about Memorial Day parades,—“while we do not agree in this or the arguments of the Grand Commander, still we submit his views,” and then quotes a page of the Grand Commander's address relating to the subject.

Sixty-two Commanderies, 10,018 Knights; gain 601.

Sir John H. Bonnington, Brooklyn, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy, Brooklyn, Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Jesse B. Anthony, Utica, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Saratoga Springs, September 11th, 1894.

NORTH DAKOTA.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Jamestown, June 9th, 1893.

Sir Robert E. Wallace, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and representatives from all of the chartered Commanderies, as well as three working under dispensation. Thirteen Grand Representatives present, including North Carolina's.

The Grand Commander says :

“This has been a prosperous year for the Templars of North Dakota, The finances of the Grand Commandery are in most excellent condition—better than at any time in our history. All the Commanderies have added to their membership, with the best of material. Three dispensations to organize new Commanderies have been issued.”

Only one death has occurred in the Jurisdiction during the year. Made no official visitations, as the new Ritual was not forthcoming.

Has commissioned thirty Grand Representatives during the year, and

“Instructed our Grand Recorder to forward all commissions as repre-

representatives of other Grand Commanderies near our Grand Commandery, to the Eminent Commanders of the Subordinate Commandery in which the Grand Representative holds membership, with instructions to notify the Grand Representatives to be present at the next regular conclave, and to present, with suitable remarks, the commission in open Commandery. This, it is thought will add to the honor, and the receipt of the commission be more highly appreciated."

Refused dispensation to a Commandery that desired to act as escort for the G. A. R. on Decoration Day, "as it was not strictly a Masonic occasion," which is certainly sound law.

Grand Treasurer's report shows \$689.00 in hand.

The following from the Recorder's report shows business-like methods, and a very gratifying degree of prosperity :

"I have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the office with promptness and upon business methods, deeming that every letter should be answered by return mail if possible."

Sir Knight F. J. Thompson, Committee on Correspondence, makes a two-page report from which we take this extract :

"It was expected that your Committee on Correspondence would perform the task imposed on him by submitting a review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. Your Committee, in his calmer mood, carefully went over the situation, and concluded that for a Grand Jurisdiction containing only four Chartered Commanderies even a moderate review of all the sister Jurisdictions, was a luxury not expedient at the present time. There are other necessary matters awaiting the action of this Grand Commandery, which will require considerable expenditure of money."

"Relations with other Grand Commanderies are harmonious. About the only quarreling ever done among the family of Fraters is among reviewers, which, while interesting, is harmless."

We feel assured that another year will see the very much alive Jurisdiction of North Dakota in line, with a full report on Correspondence.

The Proceedings are fully indexed, a feature that is often wanting in much more pretentious reports.

Four Commanderies, 332 Knights ; gain, 123.

Sir R. W. Knowlton, Fargo, Grand Commander.

Sir F. J. Thompson, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Valley City, June 8th, 1894.

OHIO.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Columbus, October 10th, 1893.

Sir Martin J. Houck, R. E. Grand Commander whose portrait faces the Proceedings, which make a bulky volume of over three hundred pages.

All of the Grand Officers were present, and Representatives of forty-eight of the fifty-seven Subordinate Commanderies. Twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were represented, North Carolina included.

The Grand Commander's address occupies thirty-five pages, and is a

detailed account of his official doings. Notes that a bountiful harvest and general plenty have offset the misfortunes of paralyzed industries and financial distress. Mentions in appropriate terms the death of Sir Wm. T. Walker, Past Grand Commander, and other prominent Fraters at home; also many illustrious members of the Order from other Jurisdictions.

Issued numerous dispensations for general purposes, but declined the requests of four Commanderies

"To appear in public in Templar uniform for the purpose of participating in the celebration of Columbus Day, holding that it could not, under our law be construed as a Masonic occasion, and that members of our Order could give better expression to their patriotism in their character as citizens, than by contributing to the pageantry of the occasion by wearing the uniform of Knights Templar "

Issued a general dispensation as follows:

"Permission is hereby granted to each of the Subordinate Commanderies to appear publicly in uniform for the purpose of attending religious services on Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Days of the current year, either or all, as may be deemed advisable."

Commanderies availing themselves of the privilege were requested to report to the Grand Commander.

Sixteen Commanderies, with eight hundred and seventy Knights and two hundred and eighty-three musicians turned out to escort the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home at Springfield.

Several official visitations were made, in which refreshments and social intercourse seem to play an important part. Issued a dispensation to form a new Commandery. Recommends that inspection be made of each Commandery in the State during the coming year.

A circular was sent out by the Grand Commander notifying other Jurisdictions that the Templar Degrees were being conferred in a clandestine manner at Columbus, which warning doubtless did much to counteract the evil result. The parties engaged in this nefarious practice are thus characterized:

"This clandestine organization betrays by its slime the trail of the old serpent Cerueauism, and indicates its close proximity. Let all true and loyal Masons be guarded against its insidious influences."

Did not have time to examine the new Ritual, and apparently does not consider it entirely *au fait*, which, perhaps, is not to be wondered at when the closing pages of the volume of Proceedings are perused.

Grand Treasurer's report shows \$4,524.00 on hand.

A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the proper representation of the Grand Commandery at the next Triennial.

The Proceedings contain a large amount of statistical matter, and several memorial pages, including the portraits of Michael Z. Kreider and Wm. J. Reese, prominent Grand Officers in the early days of the Grand Com-

mandery. We are pleased to see the memory of old time officials thus honored.

Sir Knight D. B. Kinsman furnishes a very full and interesting history of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, covering thirty-eight pages.

Sir Knight E. T. Carson submits his eighteenth report as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Bodies, and states that the pages of the same amount to 6,332.

The average Frater can gather from this that the position of reviewer is no sinecure if he attempts to give anything like a fair resume of the doings of the other Jurisdictions.

Sir Knight Carson's report fills one hundred and sixteen pages, and as *dessert* he has thirty pages on "*The National Ritual*," an historical sketch, and twenty pages devoted to a "*History of the Organization of the (General) Grand Encampment of the United States*,"

It is all in Sir Knight Carson's characteristic vein, and will well re-pay a careful persual, however much one may be disposed to reject his conclusions, or criticise his manner of expression.

North Carolina for 1892 is noticed to the extent of a page, apparently nothing being found to take exception to, and parting amenities are exchanged with Sir Knight Blount.

Fifty-one Commanderies. 7,396 Knights ; gain 242.

Sir H. P. McIntosh, Cleveland, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir E. T. Carson, Cincinnati, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Cleveland, October 3rd, 1894.

OREGON.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Eugene, October 12th, 1893.

Sir S. M. Yoran, R. E. Grand Commander. Four of the Grand Officers present. Representatives of the six Subordinate Commanderies were present, and seventeen Grand Representatives ; North Carolina's not being among them.

The Grand Commander says that the existing prosperity and harmony in the Order is a subject of congratulation. The membership has increased, and the officers and members seem to be imbued with a laudable ambition to comply with the laws and regulations. Has officially visited four Commanderies. Notes in fitting terms the decease of the Eminent Grand Prelate Sir Thos. McFaddon Patton and also notices the Fraternal dead of sister Jurisdictions. Issued dispensations to organize two new Commanderies. Was called upon for only one decision.

Suggests payment to the Grand Recorder of a "small" annual salary ; also that the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence is entitled to the

same recognition. In this connection pays the latter a much deserved compliment, and considers the service rendered by these Officers deserving of something more than acknowledgement.

The Grand Commander's suggestion bore fruit to the extent of \$50 each per year to the Recorder and Correspondent "until such time as this Grand Commandery can increase this compensation, in proportion to the volume of the duties performed." Sir Knight Hodson received a vote of thanks in addition, and was requested to continue as Correspondent, and to cap all was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$531.

A charter was issued to one of the Commanderies working under dispensation, and the other dispensation continued in force for another year.

The Report on Correspondence is from the facile pen of Sir Knight J. M. Hodson, and, we believe, is the fourth he has prepared. He reviews the Proceedings of thirty six Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment, in a very bright and taking manner, filling over eighty pages, in which North Carolina for 1893 comes in for a proper amount of attention. We quote :

"Oregon has the name of a representative near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, but we have failed to ever find out of his working at the trade to any considerable extent."

The Reverend representative is a mighty hunter, as well as a "fisher of men," and hardly finds time for such small game as the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. Isn't that a true bill, "Brer" Pritchard?

Commenting on our banquet "note" he says :

"It appears that the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction fully understand and appreciate the good things of this life."

"Liking to attend 'big eats,' however, is by no means confined to the Old North State. It has been one of the principal manifestations of activity in the human family ever since any history has been written, and feasts, either movable or fixed, have always been the most popular feature of all religions; and a social order without such provisions would be in vain."

The Fraters of Oregon join hands with us there, as witness the following from their official proceedings :

"Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 2, extended an invitation to the Grand Commandery and its guests to attend a banquet immediately after adjournment. It is needless to say the hospitality of Ivanhoe, No. 2, was unanimously accepted."

Sir Knight Blount is condoled with, and told to "cast your bread on the water; if it don't come back to you maybe some other fellow will get it who likes bread as well as you." We appear to have "got the cake" this time, and certainly reciprocate Sir Knight Hodson's desire to meet in "Bosting" in '95. We have lived "tharabouts," and, perhaps there is some phase of wickedness in the "modern Athens" which thereby we may be the better enabled to show up to our visiting Frater.

This from Pennsylvania is good :

"We never see one of these all written reports, but we think of the boy who made a fiddle all out of his own head, and had enough timber left for another." To which we respond amen!

Referring to the new Ritual, he says:

"Every expression we have seen or heard has been like a sigh of gratified relief, that the agony is over; and the Jurisdictions that have been fortunate enough to secure it and have it exemplified, are unanimously loud in its praises."

He considers the present system of reviewing the reports of sister Jurisdictions as being an efficient substitute for the Grand Representative system, and is very decided in his views that membership in the Lodge and Chapter should be necessary to maintain good standing in the Commandery.

"Whenever a Frater ceases to afford sustenance to the roots of the system, let him at once climb down out of the branches. If it is necessary that he be a Master Mason in good standing to be eligible for the Capitular degrees, and a Royal Arch Mason in good standing to become a Knight Templar, let those qualifications and relations continue. * * * * *

American Masonry is not a mere confederacy of independent organizations but contains a principle, an architectural system, and Templary is but the completion of that system, and when you remove either the foundation or the middle story the edifice tumbles."

We leave Sir Hodson with regret as his report contains much that would interest and entertain our Fraters, but we expect a committee will have to be appointed to reduce our report to a volume commensurate with the amount in our treasury.

Six Commanderies, Knights, 363., gain, 42.

Sir J. M. Hodson, Portland, Grand Commander and Correspondent.

Sir J. F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Next Conclave, Salem, October 9th, 1894

PENNSYLVANIA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Wilkes-Barre, May 23rd, 1893.

Sir Knight James B. Coddington, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers were present, and a large attendance of Past Grand Commanders. Sixty-eight of the seventy-one Subordinate Commanderies were represented. Representatives from sixteen Grand Commanderies present, North Carolina's being among the number.

An imposing parade took place before the Grand Commandery began its work, and the Knightly visitors were welcomed in behalf of the city by Mayor Nichols, who delivered a very eloquent address, an appropriate response being made by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address traverses the usual ground. Notes that the year has been one of abundant activity and prosperity, and that there has been no violation of the law calling for interference, censure or discipline. Four new Commanderies were constituted during the year.

Reporting on the Triennial, he says "the absorbing question of our ritual was fully met and satisfactorily determined."

Issued several dispensations to appear in uniform, but only one was for the purpose of attending divine service, conducted by the Grand Prelate, from which it would appear that "Armed Piety" does not obtain in the Keystone Jurisdiction.

Refused all applications for dispensations to permit bailoting upon petitions within the statutory time or at special conclave. Under decisions we quote :

"Charters of Commanderies should not be framed and hung permanently in asylums. The installation charge to an Eminent Commander places the charter in his keeping, and the custody should be actual and not constructive, the variations from this rule being well defined by law."

"Two applications for speedy ballot disclosed the fact that the proposed beneficiaries had not yet received all the Chapter degrees. I think it should be understood that in all such cases an actual petition must be in existence as a foundation for jurisdiction and action, and, of course, the Royal Arch Exaltation must precede such petition. Any other rule is derogatory to a proper dignity of procedure."

Pays a fitting tribute to deceased Fraters, prominent among them being Past Grand Commanders Homer Stanley Goodwin and John J. Wadsworth, who are also honored with extended memorials. Feels that the proceedings "should not overlook nor by neglect belittle the memory of the dead."

"It is an approach to an earthly immortality that their names should be mentioned reverently and carefully upon our records. Not because they have borne titles and rank, for these were but their pledges for the performance of important duties, but for the better reason that they were like ourselves, who would not willingly be forgotten."

Fraternals dead of other Jurisdictions, were referred to in a general way only.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand is \$5,225.00.

Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, Pennsylvania's representative on the Ritual Committee, emphatically endorses the new Ritual, and says :

"I have no sympathy whatever with the extreme position taken by some members of the Order, a sample of which has found its way into our proceedings for 1892 under Report of Committee on Correspondence in the following language : 'We believe the Ritual, as reported to and adopted by the Grand Encampment before the present essentials, and known as the old Webb work, is the old work, the original work, and the only correct work. The grammar used in it has been criticised severely, but to our mind that gives it the strong flavor of age and antiquity.' Such language is tiresome, and this Grand Commandery by action taken on report of the then Grand Commander, as well as a committee consisting of a member from each Grand Commandery in the United States, and last but not least the Grand Encampment itself, unanimously disagrees with the writer. Such ideas are mouldy and moth-eaten ; in my humble opinion nothing is either too good or too nearly perfect for our beloved Order, and, while holding due reverence for all that is ancient, let us not be so far carried away by the antique craze as to forget that we live in the last decade of the nineteenth century, and that it is our duty to keep step with the age by giving our best learning and labors to all our work. More than that, I do not

believe with this antique class of thinkers, that imperfect grammatical construction belongs solely to the originators of the work, but has crept in as many other discrepancies and imperfections through transmission from man to man. Let our motto ever be—Retain the work, but have it as near perfect as it can be made."

The newly elected officers were publicly installed, an elaborate musical programme being rendered, with an address by the Grand Commander elect.

A fine Portrait of Grand Commander Coddington appears in the proceedings.

Sir Knight Chas. E. Meyer presents a well written report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty Grand Bodies.

North Carolina for 1892 is briefly mentioned.

Sir Knight Meyer announces this as his last work. Has been in official harness for twenty-one years and "health demands rest and quiet." We trust that he may fully enjoy a well earned rest.

Seventy-one Commanderies, 9,628 Knights; gain 475.

Sir Chas. C. Baer, Pittsburgh, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Lee S. Smith, Pittsburgh, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Pittsburgh, May 22nd, 1894

SOUTH DAKOTA.

TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Huron, June 19th, 1893.

Sir Geo. W. Burnside, R. E. Grand Commander. Four Grand Officers absent. Representatives present from six of the eight chartered Commanderies, and from two U. D. Seventeen Grand Commanderies were represented, North Carolina not being among them.

The Grand Commander's address is a brief document. Granted two dispensations for the purpose of forming new Commanderies. Refused one for parading on Columbus Day, as he saw "no connection between Columbus or Columbus Day and modern Templarism."

Not having been called upon during the year to make any decisions, or settle any grievances, he considers such a harmonious condition as not calling for any recommendations.

Reports having visited the two Commanderies under dispensation, and advises that a charter be issued to one of them.

Triennial expenditures fell short of the appropriation, and the Grand Treasurer shows some \$660 on hand as against \$140 at the beginning of the year, which indicates financial prosperity.

Sir Wm. D. Stites, Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, but, on account of limited finances, "recommended that the report be not printed with the Proceedings." The report and recommendation were adopted, and thanks extended to Sir Knight Stites, who was continued as Correspondent.

There must be lots of fun in preparing a report that no one is to have the pleasure of perusing. As a motion was made to increase the Grand Commandery dues, we shall look for a printed report next year.

A portrait of the Grand Commander appears with the Proceedings; also several memorial pages to deceased Sir Knights, but no mention appears of fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions.

Nine Commanderies, 660 Knights; gain 72.

Sir Geo. H. Ratham Mitchell Grand Commander.

Sir W. H. Holt, Sioux Falls, Grand Recorder.

Sir Wm. D. Stites, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, time and place not given.

TENNESSEE.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Memphis, May 10th, 1893.

Sir Thomas O. Morris, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and representatives from all but one of the Subordinate Commanderies represented, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address notes dispensation granted to form a new Commandery, which, being near the Virginia line, will materially benefit Tennessee, as many residents of the latter State were joining a nearby Commandery in Virginia. Verily, our Tennessee Fraters are diligent in business, and believe in building up the wall against their own house. The following extract is sound doctrine :

"No Commandery can prosper unless it has live, energetic officers, especially Eminent Commanders, and I trust that each Subordinate Commandery of this Jurisdiction will never elect an Eminent Commander because he is popular, but will require of him the promise and pledge that he will use all of his power and knowledge for the advancement of his Commandery; and the Sir Knight who is not prepared to do this is doing himself, the Commandery, and especially Templarism, great harm through his selfish ambition in receiving honors without being willing to give something in return for them. Dead officers make dead Commanderies. Let them both be buried without honor."

The Grand Commander approves the Christmas Toast, and regrets that it was observed by so few. The Triennial appropriation of \$300 seems to have been a lavish one, as a balance of \$180 was turned over to the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, according to the instructions of that body. The following extract from the report of the Committee throws some light on this very unsuccessful financiering :

"I report this for the benefit of our prohibition members—that not one drop of ardent uspirits was used or paid for by this Grand Commandery at Denver "

The labors of Grand Recorders are so seldom complimented, except by re-election, that we are constrained to clip the following :

"Here is long life and health to our Grand Recorder. May he never

grow less, but, like good wine, improve with each shining year, until he shall attain a ripe age, and then be gathered to his heavenly home to be received with that grand exclamation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We regret to record that the sentiment failed of realization so far as the long life was concerned, as our brilliant and beloved Frater was called from his labors ere three-fourths of the year had passed.

The Grand Commander makes a pathetic plea for financial assistance to complete and maintain the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Fraternal dead are tenderly alluded to, and this most excellent address closes with an earnest and eloquent appeal for charity and kindness to the erring, and aid to the widows and orphans.

A portrait of the Grand Commander faces the title page.

The Grand Recorder reports that the Proceedings were in print and being delivered *seven days* after the Conclave closed, which shows the Grand Recorder had his work well in hand, and the printers must have worked as though their often named assistant was after them.

We commend the following from his report as being well worthy of attention :

"There is a fault in our conduct as Templars that should be corrected ; that fault is the neglect of the Blue Lodge and the Chapter. I ask to be permitted to repeat what I reported last year, and which has been copied all over the United States, viz.: 'There are hundreds who would make excellent Templars if they only had opportunity. The lack of working Chapters is a sore drawback to Templar prosperity. It is a question each Templar should ask himself: 'AM I DOING MY DUTY TO MY CHAPTER, or am I neglecting my duty to the great injury of the Order of the Temple?' If we would see our Commanderies prosper we must give considerable attention to our Chapters.' "

"Unless the Templars come to the help of the Chapters the Order of the Temple will not attain its great success, if, indeed, it does not dwindle in influence and numbers. Let us all covenant together to attend the Chapters, and there assist in preparing the material that we believe to be worthy of a place in the Order of the Temple. I have personal knowledge of a Commandery whose members so practice, and that Commandery always sends up a good report to its Grand Commander."

The Grand Commandery seems to be "hard up," as the Grand Treasurer reports only \$38.00 on hand.

Sir Knight Connor, as Inspector, reports very fully his official inspection of eight Commanderies. He makes no mention of banquets, and the report is strictly "business." We most fully endorse the following :

"I am so profoundly impressed on one point that I desire to give my feelings expression. I allude to the necessity of putting at the head of the Commandery a Frater who not only has ability, but who is zealous, enthusiastic, untiring and reasonably popular with his Fraters, and influential among the Craft "

Sir Knight Connor was also introduced to the Grand Commandery as the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, and received a flattering reception. Hath it not been written that "the pen is mightier than the

sword?" Which being true, our ubiquitous Frater, who appears as Recorder, Inspector and Correspondent, is mightier than sword, buckler and the whole paraphernalia of the Knight Templar.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Geo. C. Connor, who fills a hundred pages with bright and sparkling comment on the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, it being his sixth report. North Carolina for 1892 comes in for its share of badinage. Noting our munificent salary list, he says:

"Were it not for the abundant fisheries around Wilmington, dear Munson might run short on phosphates.

"Here is a phantasy by Sir George that fills us with meditation. He says: 'Every Mason should know the true Work in the symbolic degrees to a T; that of the other or ornamental degrees should be known on such wise as that the conferring of them should be intelligent and sufficiently uniform to make the ceremonies enjoyable and instructive.'

"Ha! ha!! George, dear; do tell us where we can find that 'true Work.' Talk of discovering the lost Word: its importance is paralleled by the discovery of the True Work. O that we but knew its abiding place. Tell us, dear Blount, and we'll embrace you within an inch of your life."

Sir Connor's "fad" is the American flag in Templar parades, which we question the propriety of encouraging.

We are pained to announce that our valiant and gifted Frater Connor departed this life March 9th, 1894, and we trust has joined "the loved ones beyond the boundaries of the other world," to whom he so tenderly alludes in the closing words of his report.

Sixteen Commanderies, 1,096 Knights; gain 44.

Sir Wm. M. Brooks, Memphis Grand Commander.

Sir Geo. C. Connor, Chattanooga, Recorder, (re-elected), and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Lookout Inn, summit Lookout Mountain, May —, 1893.

TEXAS.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Galveston, April 12th, 1894.

Sir D. C. Proctor, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and only one of the Subordinate Commanderies unrepresented. Representatives present from twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina's being among the number.

San Filipe de Austin Commandery, No. 1, with visiting Sir Knights, escorted the Grand Commandery to Trinity Church, where public devotional services were held, followed by an address of welcome to the city of Galveston by Sir Knight Mott, with response by Grand Commander Proctor, after which an interesting address was delivered by Eminent Grand Prelate J. C. Carpenter.

The Grand Commander's annual address is a well written and business like review of his official acts. He says:

"The clouds of business stagnation and financial unrest and depression which lowered over the State at the close of our last Annual Conclave have passed away, and confidence, progress and prosperity now encourage the hearts of our people. Our noble Order has shared in this general prosperity, and I am able to make report to you that there has been a marked increase in accessions to our ranks, indicating a most encouraging and healthy condition in the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, and that a spirit of zeal, unity and harmony therein prevail."

Wonder if they have felt any "financial unrest and depression" since then; if not, they are fortunate indeed.

Recommends a suitable tribute from the Committee on Necrology to be inserted in the printed Proceedings as a memorial of the honored dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions.

Includes reports from Grand Officers showing that twelve Commanderies have been officially visited and inspected.

Issued dispensation to form one new Commandery, and declined one not having the endorsement of the nearest Commandery; also issued several permitting appearance in uniform to act as escort in corner stone laying, and a half-dozen to waive the time required on statute for balloting. Sir Knight DeLap will no doubt discover that two were issued for the observance of Ascension Day.

No new questions of Templar law were submitted for decision. The Grand Commander "regrets that there is no uniformity in the laws of the different Jurisdictions upon the subject of the tenure of office of Grand Representatives.

Presents a lengthy report on the Triennial Conclave at Denver.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a very gratifying balance on hand of \$3,168.

Reports from eight representatives near other Grand Commanderies were presented and appear in the Proceedings.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports approve of the various dispensations issued, and say in addition that

"Much of the time of the Grand Commander would be spared in this matter by a general regulation allowing Commanderies to turn out for public worship on certain specified occasions without the necessity of asking for a dispensation, and we submit a resolution to that effect."

The next Triennial Conclave is anticipated by the appropriation of \$500 for the years '93, '94 and '95 to defray the necessary expenses of the Grand Commandery.

The Report on Correspondence is a very readable document covering seventy-six closely printed pages from the hand of Sir Knight R. M. Elgin, who gives North Carolina for 1892 a good showing considering that Texas proceedings were among the "lost". It may be, however, that on account of their orphaned condition they fared the same as those sent to other Jurisdictions, and were never received. He will see that it is Sir Knight Blount who has been "lost" this time, and all his own doing too, Sir

Knight Elgin quotes the Recorder's humorous note on the 1892 banquet, and thinks we are "waking up." Wonder what he will infer from the one in the eurrent proceedings. It is only fair to say that the Recorder was imposed upon. There was no lack of viands ; the "breethering" mournfully departed because they could *hold no more*. He says :

"We have a great affection for the old North State. It is not our mother, but our grand-mother, for it is the birthplace of our mother, and is hallowed by scenes described to us in our infancy."

Come up and see your "grand-mother," dear Frater, and we can assure you a kindly welcome.

We regret that space does not permit of extended quotations from this interesting report, which closes with a page of valuable Templar statistics.

Twenty-eight Commanderies, 1,941 Knight ; gain, 107.

Sir T. J. Beall, El Paso, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, Houston, Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir R. M. Elgin, Houston, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Austin, April 4th, 1894.

VERMONT.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Burlington, June 13th, 1893.

Sir Kittredge Haskins, R. E. Grand Commander. Three Grand Officers were absent, but all of the Subordinate Commanderies were represented, as well as twenty-nine Grand Commanderies, including North Carolina.

The Grand Commander's address reviews at length his various official acts and contains the reports of the official visitations by the several officers assigned to that duty.

Refers in touching terms to the death of the Grand Senior Warden, as well as several Knights of the Subordinate Commanderies :

"The Angel of Death has not been idle in our sister Jurisdictions, and many a true and courteous Sir Knight has responded to the thrilling invitation, 'Come ye blessed of my Father,' and now rest in Paradise. Time nor space will not permit me to mention them by name, however gratifying it might be to do so. Their names, however, will appear on pages set apart to their memory in our printed Proceedings."

The reports of the Inspecting Officers call forth the following :

"I feel justified in saying that in this Jurisdiction our beloved Order was never in a more prosperous condition than it is to-day. The young men who are constantly seeking to be numbered with us are among the best the State can possibly produce. All sorts and conditions of men seem to recognize the fact that ours is an institution which enables men to rise to a higher level and gives additional dignity and respectability to its votaries."

Issued a general order designating Memorial Day as one on which the Subordinate Commanderies could parade in uniform as escort, etc., and as the order has caused much comment, we give his reasons at length :

"The Order of Knights Templar is a semi-military one, and the rendering of escort duty has been its special function ever since the day when

Hugo de Payens and his eight companions became bound to defend the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem and to protect the Christian Pilgrims who came there to worship at the sacred shrine. I can conceive of no higher or nobler duty to which Templars can be called to perform than that of escorting the great body of our citizens on Memorial Day to the shrine of our nation's dead. The men whose graves we annually bedeck with flowers gave their lives for their country. And the happiness, the joy and the material prosperity that smiles on all from the lakes to the gulf and from ocean to ocean is the fruit of their sacrifice. I am not to be deterred from doing or saying that which I believe to be right, because our action in this regard has provoked ridicule at the hand of some of our Templar correspondents who ought and do know better. In the doing of this thing we do not believe that we are 'making fools' of ourselves, or that we are 'prostituting the Order to a level with a ward caucus,' as has been discourteously charged. Nor do we do it for the purpose of 'cutting a swell on Memorial Day,' or 'to keep alive the memories and animosities of the war,' as has also been charged against us. No, such is not our desire or thought, even. But we would, however, have the young men and women of this land bear in mind in continual remembrance the important principles involved in that great struggle of the past, and for the establishment and permanent settlement of which such costly sacrifices were made."

We must write ourself down as one who believes that the occasion is not one entitled to *Masonic* observance, and we also wonder if they would be catholic enough to allow the Fraters in some other States to parade as escort on *Southern* Memorial Day.

Referring to the Grand Representative question, he says :

"It is quite important, many times, that these Representatives should attend the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery to which they are credited; and in recommending Sir Knights for appointment to these offices I have endeavored to name those who are active Templars and who are usually in attendance here."

Considers the most important work of the Triennial to have been the adoption of the new Ritual. Urges the importance of making arrangements for the coming Triennial. Approves of the observance of the festivals of the church, which he is happy to state are becoming more general, and says : "This is as it should be, and marks an era of great advancement in the history of our Order."

We think that no one can take exception to the tone of Sir Knight Has-kin's admirable address, but no doubt some portions of it will be calculated to keep alive the criticism that has lately assailed some of our Vermont Fraters. They will probably go right on doing what they consider to be right, however, so long as it does not encroach on the individual rights and privileges of others.

A fine steel engraving of Past Grand Commander Delos M. Bacon embellishes the Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Marsh O. Perkins, and is a very readable review of the doings of thirty-nine Jurisdictions, covering seventy-six pages. We would be glad to quote at length, but time and space forbid.

North Carolina for 1892 comes in for a page, which is all we could expect under the circumstances.

"A partial Report on Correspondence is submitted by E. Sir George W. Blount, but Vermont is not included. His view of the few Jurisdictions noticed is bright and chatty, and we hope no office eat, or neglect of postal officials will interfere with the presentation of a full report another year."

It appears from the report of Sir Knight Blount that he also was omitted in Vermont of 1892, so the accounts seem to be square.

The "Memorial Day" Observance seems to have been a live topic.

Ten Commanderies, 1,281 Knights; gain 69.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, Winsor, Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Burlington, June 12th, 1894.

VIRGINIA.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Richmond, October 12th, 1893.

Sir Frederick Greenwood, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers present, and fifteen of the twenty Subordinate Commanderies represented; also representatives from fifteen Grand Commanderies, North Carolina's being among the number.

The Grand Commander reports peace, harmony and brotherly love, and that nothing has occurred to mar the pleasant relations existing with other Jurisdictions. One Commandery has been chartered during the year, and dispensation issued to open another. Two Commanderies are virtually dormant, and no return has been made from them for two or three years respectively. Is glad to know that many of the Commanderies observed a day of religious service, but does not mention the one selected.

The various decisions called for were all answered by reference to the Code. Noted "with much satisfaction the settlement of the vexed question of the Ritual." Was annoyed by the delay in getting the new Ritual; also that some Jurisdictions seemed to be favored with advance copies. Deemed it inexpedient to district the State for official visitation during the past year, and had been able to visit only two Commanderies officially.

Special Committee on Headquarters at the coming Triennial recommends:

1. "That the Grand Commandery dispense with the resolution adopted at the last Grand Conclave, setting aside \$200.00 for its entertainment, and the said \$200.00 be set aside as a Triennial fund, this to be effective for the years 1894 and 1895.

2. "That an appeal be made to the Subordinate Commanderies for such contributions to the fund as they may be able to make."

Also that steps be taken at once to secure suitable headquarters in Bos-

ton. The Committee was continued with instructions to carry out their recommendations and with power to act.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows some \$1,200 00 available funds and certain assets, value not given.

The finale is thus chronicled :

"On motion it was

Ordered, That this Grand Commandery be now dismissed, subject to the order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and then to assemble in the city of Richmond."

This may be the proper form, but it looks odd, to say the least.

No mention is made of a Report on Correspondence, although Sir Knight W. B. Isaacs appears as Chairman of Committee. This omission gives the Proceedings of this ancient and well-to-do Jurisdiction a much lower rank in the standard of value than they ought to aspire to.

Twenty Commanderies, Knights, 1,251 ; gain, 38.

Sir E. E. Downham, Alexandria, Grand Commander.

Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Richmond; date not fixed.

WASHINGTON.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Tacoma, June 9th, 1893.

Sir Edward R. Hare, R. E. Grand Commander. All of the Grand Officers present, and all of the Subordinate Commanderies represented. Representatives present from seventeen Grand Commanderies, North Carolina's not being among them

The Grand Commander reports a steady and healthful growth, notwithstanding the general complaint of hard times, and looks for increased prosperity the coming year. Fraternal dead receive the usual mention. Granted some dispensations for various purposes, but had little to do in the way of decisions. Called the attention of the Subordinate Commanderies to the Christmas Toast, and the observance of Easter ; and it appears that both occasions were observed by all of the Commanderies. Official visitation has been omitted on account of the new Ritual not having been received. Considered the Triennial as "a grand affair," and the new Ritual as the most important matter dealt with.

Grand Treasurer's balance \$959 00. Proceedings of local interest only.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Yancy C. Blalock, and is his second. The proceedings of all but two of the Grand Bodies are reviewed, and the report fills one hundred and sixty-eight pages, largely made up of extracts and statistics.

He says :

"We have views of our own on certain subjects, but will not burden you

with many of them as yet. Our idea of the duties of a Correspondent is to give a brief report of the transactions of the several Grand Bodies reviewed and the general conditions of the same."

North Carolina for 1892 is duly drawn upon, and the absence of any mention of Washington is noticed.

Eight Commanderies, 509 Knights ; gain, 95.

Sir Eugene C. Wilson, Ellenburg, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancy C. Blalock, Walla Walls, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Next Conclave, time and place to be designated later.

WEST VIRGINIA.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Martinsburg, May 10th, 1893.

Sir E. L. Buttrick, R. E. Grand Commander. All but one of the Grand Officers present, and all of the chartered Commanderies represented. Fourteen Grand Representatives present, North Carolina's not being among them.

The Grand Commander reports little to communicate aside from official duties incident to the office. All but one of the Commanderies have had official visitation.

Announces the decease of Past Grand Commander Jesse Richardson Purnell, and notices other Fraternal dead.

Declined several dispensations to ballot out of regular time, not deeming it an emergency even when the candidate desires to get through in time to attend the Triennial.

Reports a prosperous condition of the order. No mention made of banquets in reports of official visitation, from which we infer that our West Virginia Fraters can keep up their enthusiasm without any accessories.

Grand Treasurer reports \$747.00 on hand.

Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Sir Knight O. S. Long, who takes up the pen again after a rest of ten years. He fills one hundred and nine pages with a very readable review of the proceeding of thirty-eight Grand Bodies.

North Carolina for 1892 comes in for a fair amount of his attention, and we can endorse the following :

"In the populous and compact Jurisdictions where are many cities and many railroads, Knights Templar are apt to lose sight of the obstacles to the building up of large Commanderies in a State where railroads are few and where there are no large cities and where the average Freemason can ill afford to spare from his scanty store the funds necessary as fees for orders and for uniform and dues and assessments, for pilgrimages and banquets and all that sort of thing. In the Southern States during the past quarter of a century, Freemasons have been singing with Enid in the Idylls of the King : ' Our hoard is little, but our hearts are great.'

"And so it is that in all of the States lying south of the line about which so much used to be said, beginning with Alabama and Arkansas and running down through the alphabet to Virginia and West Virginia, Com-

manderies and Grand Commanderies have had a hard struggle during the past twenty-five years and are glad to thank God and take courage when they show any gain in membership whatever."

We might add for the benefit of Sir Knight Mayo that the state of affairs mentioned here throws a little light on the *summons* question, and also query if Commanderies laboring under the disadvantages set forth above "had better quit trying to be a Commandery."

Under Tennessee he says :

"The iconoclasts of the present day have torn to shreds and patches the reputation of several of the Worthies who stood high in the estimation of our forefathers. Even that doughty warrior, 'St. George of Cappadocia,' has been 'investigated' and it now appears that he was only a Quartermaster who was short in his accounts, and that the dragon he slew was a very ordinary and harmless reptile—a mere 'garter snake,' as it were. In short he has been deposed and his candle snuffed out. To fill the '*hiatus*' thus created we propose the election of St. George of Chattanooga,' who has destroyed the dragon of ritualistic rebellion and brought peace to all our borders. Nature has furnished to him a sufficient tonsure in anticipation of this elevation, and his genial smile diffuses a halo 'like sunshine in a shady place.' Let the lots be cast."

The lots *have* been cast, and our brilliant and versatile Frater Connor is no more with us, and we doubt not has received the Templar crown.

This from Texas is quite at variance with the views of some of our Fraters of the quill, for instance :

"Another thing that pleases us in the way they do things in Texas is that the Grand Representatives actually have something to do and they actually do it. It is not much to be sure, but it is something that requires, perhaps, fifteen or twenty minutes' time in the course of the year. The Grand Representatives in Texas present short written reports, which are read in Grand Commandery and are printed with the Proceedings. In 1892 at Corsicana there were seven of these reports, occupying altogether only three pages of printed matter, and Knightly greetings were offered orally by seven other Grand Representatives."

We regret that our stay with Sir Long cannot be *longer*.

Ten Commanderies, Knights, 701 ; gain, 65.

Sir Alfred Paull, Wheeling, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir O. S. Long, Charleston, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Weston, May 9th, 1894.

WISCONSIN.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Milwaukee, October 10th, 1893.

Sir Engene S. Elliott, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander. All but two of the Grand Officers present. Twenty-four of the twenty-five of the Subordinate Commanderies represented, also one U. D. Fifteen Grand Representatives present ; North Carolina's not being among the number.

Grand Commander W. H. Lewis, having removed from his Jurisdiction early in his term, made a brief report of his official acts. Denied dispensations on several occasions for Commanderies

"To appear outside of their Asylums on other than Masonic occasions, such appearance being prohibited by a regulation of the Grand Encampment."

Granted a dispensation to form a new Commandery.

Deputy Grand Commander Elliott announces his first official act to have been a dispensation to celebrate Easter, and is pleased to say that

"Nearly every Commandery accepted the opportunity of publicly testifying to its faith by services appropriate to the day."

"The condition of Templar Masonry in Wisconsin is prosperous; a prosperity indicated not so much by the increase of our members as by the harmony and fraternal feeling that pervades our ranks."

Attributes the limited gain to the financial stringency, and delay in receiving the new Ritual.

Considers the new Ritual

"As nearly perfect as human ability can make it; to use it should be a labor of love; to listen to it a delight; it needs but one thing, namely, to be left alone by ambitious amenders"

The usual inspection was omitted on account of the officers not having a chance to perfect themselves in the new work, and an edict of the Grand Commandery forbade the use of the old. A summer encampment was recommended.

We deem the following worthy of a place:

"Templarism in the Thirteenth Century was a necessity, or, if not a necessity, was justified and exalted by noble ends; but the Templarism of the Thirteenth Century with its mailed Knights, their tourneys and their superstitions would be as much out of place in this practical age as the battle ax in a modern contest at arms. The world moves, but we see it not; we only know that it has moved by comparing the present with the past. The church and the school house are the mile stones by which the continuous advance of civilization has been marked, an advance which, if gradual, has been constant and which indicates that the demands of the present differ radically from the needs of the past. Has Templarism kept pace with this advance or are we to-day a century or two behind the times? * * * * * I have sometimes thought that we plumed ourselves too greatly on the valiant deeds of our predecessors and regarded too little our own duties. It is pleasant to look back upon pleasant things, but dangerous, sometimes, since too much retrospection is liable to cost one his freshness and turn him into old salt, as Lot's wife discovered. I have also thought that we were too much inclined to play the fly upon the wheel of progress and deceive ourselves into the belief that we are responsible for the dust."

Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$4,160.00.

Committee on Tactics reported in part as follows:

"That the adoption of a book of tactics and drill for use in this Jurisdiction at this time is not desirable or necessary. While it is true there are a few criticisms to be made upon our Common Sense Tactics and Drill, yet

our Templars are familiar with the movements taught therein and it requires no great effort to get a Commandery sufficiently proficient to make a creditable showing in asylum or on parade. The drilling days of the great majority of the members of this Order have gone by, and in the judgment of your committee they would not take kindly to a system of tactics which would make of no use or benefit the drilling they have already undergone, but would require the learning of a complete new system of Commandery movements."

Is Templar drill in Wisconsin "keeping pace with the advance of the age, or is it behind the times?" The matter was eventually referred to a new committee to report at the next Annual Conclave.

Committee on Summer Encampment reported in favor of having the next Annual Conclave in June, and that a portion of the week be devoted to instruction in Ritual and Drill, which report was adopted.

Sir Knight W. C. Swain presents his eleventh Annual Report on Correspondence, and notes that there are now but seven in the corps who have served that length of time. The report is a most excellent and interesting one, filling seventy-four pages with well chosen extracts and keen and courteous comment.

North Carolina for 1893 comes under review, but Sir Knight Blount's calling him "McSwain" obscures the sun. It is a serious thing to tamper with a person's name. However willing one may be to get under cover of an *alias* in case of an emergency, he always resents any reportorial lapse tending to confound his identity.

Under Alabama, referring to Sir Moore's complaint that "among the small number of Templar correspondents, each one might ascertain the names of the others, especially where they prepare reports year after year," he says :

"We are of opinion that the trouble is not so much that the writers do not know the correct names of their confreres, as that typewriters have not come into sufficient general use, and compositors are not good at deciphering hieroglyphics."

That may account for the "Mc."

Apparently he takes no stock in Grand Representatives magnifying their office, as under Arkansas he says :

"Two of the Grand Representatives indulged in the pernicious practice of making reports, thus setting a bad example to the other similar ornaments of the Grand Commandery."

Under Georgia, he says :

"The 'ponderous fly wheel of time' is good," which we think is fully equalled by the "fly on the wheel of progress" in his own proceedings. *Fugit Tempus.*

There is no end that we would like to "erib" for the benefit of our Fraters, but we must desist.

Sir Knight Swain's next report will necessarily be a brief affair, as he has already reviewed 1893 pretty thoroughly, and he will not have the

material for another grist before the next Annual Conclave of his Jurisdiction, which comes some four months ahead of its usual time.

Twenty-five Commanderies, 2,598 Knights ; gain, 198.

Sir Eugene S. Elliott, Milwaukee, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir W. C. Swain, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, June 12th, 1894. Place not named.

WYOMING.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Evanston, May 12th, 1893.

Sir John C. Baird, R. E. Grand Commander. Four of the Grand Officers absent. All of the Subordinate Commanderies were represented ; also eleven Grand Commanderies, North Carolina being on hand.

The Grand Commander congratulates the Sir Knights on the excellent condition of the Order, as much work has been done with more in prospect. Devotes considerable space to the teachings of the Order, and while maintaining that mankind and civilization have been benefited by its influence, the work accomplished is but a small part of that remaining. Is pleased to note that the Christmas Toast was generally observed.

Issued an order requesting the Commanderies to observe divine service on either Good Friday or Easter Sunday, with a general dispensation to appear in uniform if the Commanderies so desired. Each Commandery reports having acceded to the request with a good attendance of the Sir Knights.

Puts in a strong plea for a Correspondent, saying :

"It seems as if we were getting out of touch with the older Commanderies in omitting the interchange of ideas and suggestions. While our numbers are small our ambitions are certainly lofty, and there seems to be no sufficient reason why the Wyoming reports should not be complete in every detail. I wish to urge upon my successor the use of all the moral suasion in his power to get a correspondent, and a report too, for the coming Templar year."

The Grand Commander's desire was gratified, and he was made Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

They certainly understood how to make "the punishment fit the crime," and perhaps the Grand Commander wishes he had kept his peace.

Illness prevented his attending the Triennial, and Sir J. K. Jeffrey, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, presents a lengthy report thereupon.

A portrait of Grand Commander Baird appears in the Proceedings.

Cash in the treasury, \$179.00.

The following resolution was adopted :

"That the custom of observing Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Ascension Day by appropriate divine services be fully observed, and the R. E.

Grand Commander is requested at the proper time each year to call the attention of the several Commanderies to their duty in that respect."

Four Commanderies, 198 Knights ; gain 12.

Sir John J. Jeffrey, Cheyenne, Grand Commander.

Sir Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir John C. Baird, Cheyenne, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Cheyenne, May 9th, 1894.

CONCLUSION.

We have reached the end of our task, and lay aside the pen with a feeling of relief, which is tempered with sadness at the thought of parting company with our brother correspondents, the perusal of whose work has been most heartily enjoyed, cheering and enlivening many a weary hour in the past few months. Much of our work has been done with the shadow of the grim destroyer hanging over our household, for the partner of our joys and sorrows for nearly a quarter of a century, appeared for several weeks, in spite of our efforts, to be drifting out into the great beyond, but, thanks to the blessed Immanuel, as we write these lines, the skies are bright with the radiance of hope, and a complete recovery seems to be assured.

We have endeavored to fill the somewhat limited space at our disposal in such a way as would give our "homefolks" an idea of what was being done in the Templar world, as outlined in the various proceedings. We have been somewhat sparing in comment, realizing fully our inexperience, and preferring to leave a margin for improvement on that line if it should again be our lot to serve on the corps of reviewers. We are fully aware of the imperfections of our work, but, such as it is, we send it forth, trusting that it will prove instructive and edifying to those for whom it was written, and meet with charitable consideration at the hands of our brothers of the quill.

And now we can only say :

"May God be with you till we meet again,"

whether it be in the flesh, as we sincerely hope it may come to pass, or in the Proceedings of another year, or in that last great Asylum towards which our steps are rapidly hastening

Courteously submitted,

JOHN C. CHASE,
Chairman.



PROCEEDINGS

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—OF—

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

—OF THE—

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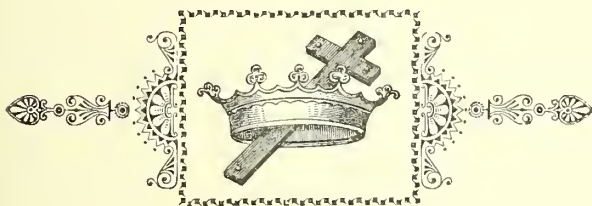
—AT ITS—

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

—HELD AT—

DURHAM,

MAY 14th and 15th, A. D. 1895, A. O. 777.



WILMINGTON, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Annual Grand Conclave at the Asylum of Durham Commandery No. 3, in the city of Durham, Tuesday, May 14th, 1895, A. O., 777, at 8 o'clock P. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

ALPHONSO H. COBB.....Asheville.....R. E. Grand Commander.
JOHN C. CHASE.....Wilmington....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
WALTER S. LIDDELL.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
WILLIAM A. WITHERS...RaleighE. Grand Captain General.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....Wilson.....as E. Grand Prelate.
JOSEPH H. HACKBURN...NewbernE. Grand Senior Warden.
GEO. HOWARD, JR.TarboroE. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSONRaleigh.....E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....Wilmington ...E. Grand Recorder.
WALTER E. STORM.....Wilmington ...E. Grand Standard Bearer.
MUNFORD D. BAILEY....Winston.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
WM. F. RANDOLPHAshevilleE. Grand Warder.
ROBT. H. BRADLEYRaleighE. Grand Sentinel.

and was opened in ample and Knightly form, the Acting Grand Chaplain leading the devotions.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights J. D. Glenn, J. D. Bullock and D. C. Allen a Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials find the following named Commanderies properly represented, also in attendance and entitled to seats in this Grand Body, the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers as follows :

ALPHONSO H. COBBAshevilleR. E. Grand Commander.
 JOHN C. CHASE.....Wilmington ...V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
 WALTER S. LIDDELLCharlotteE. Grand Generalissimo.
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 ROBERT H. BRADLEYRaleighE. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, FRANCIS M. MOYE, HORACE H. MUNSON.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

PETER A. WILSON.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

JAMES D. BULLOCK.....Mount Lebanon, No. 7.
 J. J. THORNTON.....Ivanhoe, No. 8.
 JAMES D. GLENNIvanhoe, No. 8.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1—WILMINGTON.

WALTER E. STORM.....Eminent Commander.
 JAMES C. MUNDSProxy for Generalissimo.
 EDWARD P. BAILEY.....Captain General.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2, CHARLOTTE.

D. C. ALLENProxy for Officers.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3, DURHAM.

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....Eminent Commander,
 JAMES GATTISGeneralissimo.
 W. A. SLATER.....Captain General.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

J. C. DREWRY.....Eminent Commander.
 B. R. LACYProxy for Generalissimo.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

W. F. RANDOLPH.....Proxy for Officers.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

M. D. BAILEY..... Eminent Commander.
 F. G. SCHAUM..... Proxy for Generalissimo.
 W. H. SUMMEREL..... Captain General.

MT. LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

F. M. MOYE..... Proxy for Eminent Commander.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

A. H. ALDERMAN..... Eminent Commander.
 J. D. GLENN..... Proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, NO. 9, TARBORO.

GEO. HOWARD, JR... Captain General and Proxy for Eminent Commander.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, NO. 10, NEWBERN.

J. H. HACKBURN.. Eminent Commander.
 F. ULRICH..... Generalissimo and Proxy for Captain General.

DEMOLAI COMMANDERY, NO. 11, OXFORD.

D. C. WHITE..... Proxy for Captain General.

ST. ALDEMAR, NO. 12, ENFIELD.

H. C. ATKINSON..... Proxy for Eminent Commander.
 J. J. WHITTAKER..... Generalissimo.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery :

Pursuant to adjournment at Charlotte, we are permitted, by the grace and wisdom of Almighty God, to assemble at this the Fifteenth Annual Conclave; and, with warm affection, exchange the tender greetings of those whose hearts are firmly bound together in the strong bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

It is incumbent upon me, at this time, to render to you a written report of my official acts, and to offer such recommendations for your consideration as may appear to me advisable and conducive to the welfare of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

But before entering upon the discharge of our duties at this Conclave, let us return thanks to the Father of Light for His manifold blessings and many mercies extended to us the past Templar year, and implore His guidance and direction that in all our deliberations we may be guided by the gentle and loving spirit of the Master.

While deeply grateful that the ranks of this Grand Body remain unbroken, let us not forget that the lots have fallen upon some in this Jurisdiction whose faces we shall look upon no more, whose pilgrimage is

ended, whose lives are but the fragrant memory of a blossom that is faded and gone. Let us pause a moment, and with sympathetic touch place a just tribute upon the memory of those departed ones, and mourn with those who mourn.

Charlotte Commandery No. 2, mourns the loss of Sir Knight John W. Wadsworth, one of its oldest and most respected members, and for many years treasurer of that body. He died March 3, 1895.

Durham Commandery No. 3, Sir Knight W. A. Allbright, the Junior Warden of that Commandery, and an enthusiastic Christian and Masonic worker, who died August 29, 1894.

Raleigh Commandery No. 4, records the death of Sir Knight J. C. Brewster, an active and energetic citizen, greatly esteemed. His death occurred Oct. 1, 1894.

Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Asheville, Sir Knight Chas. D. Blanton, prominent in the municipal affairs of that city, and for two terms its Mayor, died Dec. 1, 1894.

Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, Wilson, Sir Knight S. M. Warren, which sad event occurred December 11, 1894.

St. George Commandery, No. 9, Tarboro, Sir Knight George B. Wright, one of the best of men, whose death occurred September 23, 1894.

DeMolai Commandery, No. 11, Oxford, Sir Knight Robt. J. Hunt, an ideal Sir Knight, who died May 25, 1894. Also Sir Knight Patrick Booth, loved and honored by all who knew him, whose death occurred August 31, 1894.

Beloved Fraters—Sooner or later we must all partake of this cup; must test the bitterness of that supremely solemn moment in the life of man. As you call to mind some dear frater who "being dead yet speaketh" remember that "Blessed is the dead that die in the Lord." "Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Our Sister Jurisdictions have been called upon to make the sad record of the death of the following distinguished fraters:

Alabama—E. Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Grand Recorder, Dec. 21st, 1894;
E. Sir Milton C. Baldrige, Grand Captain General, Jan. 9th, 1895.

Connecticut—R. E. Sir Pierre St. Medard Andrews, Past Grand Commander, June 22nd, 1894; E. Sir Jas. M. Smith, Grand Warder, Oct. 5th, 1894, and E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, Oct. 10th, 1894.

South Dakota—E. Sir Collins D. Pratt, Grand Senior Warden, Aug. 2nd, 1894.

Indiana—R. E. Sir Joseph A. Manning, Past Grand Commander, Oct. 22nd, 1894.

Kansas—R. E. Sir John L. Philbrick, Past Grand Commander, July 8th, 1894.

Ohio—R. E. Sir Herman Ely, Past Grand Commander, July 8th, 1894.

Oregon—Sir Knight Frank B. Dunn, Grand Representative of North Carolina near Grand Commandery of Oregon.

Tennessee—R. E. Sir John Frizzell, Past Grand Commander, Nov. 30th, 1894; also E. Sir Chas. Lewis Fuller, Grand Captain of the Guard, March 23rd, 1895.

Texas—R. E. Sir Philip Crosby Tucker, July 9th, 1894.

DISPENSATIONS.

Aug. 9, 1894—To Piedmont Commandery No. 6, to act as escort to Winston Lodge No. 167, on the occasion of the annual picnic for the benefit of the Oxford Masonic Orphan Asylum.

Aug. 16, 1894—To Raleigh Commandery No. 4, to appear in public in uniform on the occasion of a visit to Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, at Wilmington, N. C.

Dec. 27, 1894—To Cyrene Commandery No. 5, to elect and install its officers, having failed to do so by error in notice. Also at same time to ballot upon the petition of one candidate without waiting further time, said candidates petition having failed of action because of failure of meetings.

Jan. 5, 1895—To Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, to elect and install officers, having failed of a quorum at the annual meeting.

Feb. 18, 1895—To DeMolai Commandery No. 11, to elect and install officers, having failed of a quorum at annual conclave.

Feb. 22, 1895—To Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon nine (9) candidates. Also to elect and install officers at same meeting.

April 25, 1895—To Cyrene Commandery No. 5, to elect and install a Prelate, said office having been left vacant at annual election.

DECISIONS.

But one decision has been submitted to me which I deem of sufficient importance to report, the others requiring but a short, simple reference to the Statutes.

"A R. A. Mason petitions the Commandery for the degrees. The Secretary "of his Chapter says he is in good standing and avouches for him. He "shows his receipt for dues to date. He represents the Encyclopædia "Brittanica and is located, for a few months, at different places. It is about "twelve years since he resided where his Chapter is located. Says he has "no home or permanent residence—moves about as ordered. He has been "in this jurisdiction about two months. In reply to a telegram asking for a "waiver of jurisdiction the E. C. of the Commandery where his Chapter is "located says, "we have no jurisdiction." Can we, under the circum- "stances, entertain and act upon his petition? Would he be considered a "sojourner? He seems to be simply a citizen of the United States. Has

"no local habitation and don't expect to locate soon. He is very anxious "to become a K. T. If we cannot entertain his petition "dry so," what "action is necessary to do so ?

To which I replied:

In my opinion, you have no jurisdiction. From the statements contained, he is a sojourner.

If he has no local habitation—no official residence—he can obtain relief only in the selection of such; which, though he itinerate, would become his legal home at the expiration of six months.

COMMANDERY INSTITUTED.

St. Aldermar at Enfield, on the 19th day of July, 1894, which duty was graciously performed for me by Past Grand Commander Francis M. Moye, and will doubtless appear in his report.

VISITATIONS.

At the urgent request of the members of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, at Greensboro, I visited that Commandery on the evening of the 22d day of February. The Eminent Commander having removed from that city, interest had lessened, and the Commandery had been unable to obtain a quorum for many months. I found twelve Sir Knights of that Commandery present to meet me, about all their available strength owing to death and removals. Deeming the interests of the Order would be best served thereby and this Commandery placed upon a sure footing, I granted immediate dispensation, at the request of the Commandery, and personally conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon nine candidates, which duty required my presence till the early hours of the morning. At the conclusion of the work, I also granted dispensation to elect and install officers, and officially inducted the Eminent Commander-elect into his station, leaving the remaining officers to be installed at a later date. This action restored confidence to the older members, and with a local membership of eighteen, I am assured there is no reason to doubt the future of the once prosperous Ivanhoe. It was my pleasure, as well as my duty, to respond to their call, and I believe their future to be full of promise.

I was accompanied on this occasion by Eminent Sir John A. Nichols, Commander of Cyrene Commandery, whose valuable assistance as Junior Warden was very acceptable. As it was an act of free will, and wholly at his own expense that he accompanied me, I deem it fitting to thus publicly express my thanks.

COMMISSIONS.

Wm. Preston, of Eugene City, Oregon, Grand Representative of North Carolina, near the Grand Commandery of Oregon, July 8, 1894, owing to the death of Sir Knight Frank B. Dunn, our former representative.

Walter E. Storm, of Wilmington, was commissioned Grand Representative of Vermont, near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina in lieu of Sir Knight J. C. Austin, who already represented South Dakota, and who had tendered his resignation to Vermont.

For the reasons therein stated, I issued the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 25, 1894. }

John C. Chase, Deputy Grand Commander, Wilmington, N. C.

VERY EMINENT SIR:—Deeming the best interests of the Order demand the reduction of the expenses of this Grand body for the coming year, and, learning that business interests will compel you to visit the principal towns of the State, wherein many of our subordinate bodies are stationed:

Now, therefore, this warrant of dispensation is to empower you as deputy to call together and inspect any subordinate Commandery within this Jurisdiction, as fully and complete as if I were personally present so to do. And, upon the completion of the duty under this warrant, you will make brief return to me, as well as to the Grand Commandery, at its Annual Conclave in May, 1895, a full and complete return of such action.

Given under my hand and private seal this the 25th day of October, A. D. 1894, A. O. 776.

[SEAL]

ALPHONSO H. COBB,
Grand Commander, N. C.

For the general guidance and good of the Order, I issued the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 3rd, 1894. }

General Order No. 1.

Subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction will be subject to inspection by the following officers:

Wilmington, No. 1; Charlotte, No. 2; Durham, No. 3; Raleigh, No. 4; Asheville, No. 5, and St. John's, No. 10—V. Em. Sir John C. Chase, Deputy Grand Commander.

Piedmont, No. 6, and Ivanhoe, No. 8—Em. Sir Walter S. Liddell, Grand Generalissimo.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 7, and DeMolai, No. 11—Em. Sir Wm. A. Withers, Grand Captain General.

St. George, No. 9, and Eufield, No. 12—Rt. Em. Sir Francis M. Moye, Past Grand Commander.

ALPHONSO H. COBB,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Agreeably to resolution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and at the request of the chairman of the committee, I issued the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF NORTH CAROLINA. }
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER. }
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec 1, 1894. }

General Order No. 2.

The Committee on Christmas Observance, Stephen Berry, Chairman, Portland, Maine, have forwarded to me the following sentiments, with a request that an invitation be extended to all under my command to participate.

"To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, the head of American Templar Masonry, who holds all Templar hearts."

The Grand Master sends the following response:

"To the great heart of Templar Masonry, and to every Templar Mason's heart—one and inseparable."

"'Tis the heart and not the brain,
That to the highest doth attain,
And he who followeth love's behest,
Far excelleth all the rest "

The Grand Encampment, at its session in '92, approved and officially sanctioned this custom.

It is therefore ordered that all Knights Templar within this jurisdiction assemble at their respective Asylums at noon on Christmas day, and by their presence render that homage to our Most Eminent Grand Master that their zeal and fidelity prompts and his merits demand.

Eminent Commanders will report to me by wire their observance of the same, that our Christmas greeting may be courteous and timely.

ALPHONSO H. COBB,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Several telegrams were received on that day, and at noon I wired the Grand Master of Templars the following message:

"North Carolina greets thee with earnest wishes for a long and useful life." Which met with an immediate reply by mail as follows:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A. , }
OFFICE OF THE M. E. GRAND MASTER, }
CORUNNA, MICH., December 26th, 1894. }

"Alphonso H. Cobb, Grand Commander, K. T., Asheville, N. C. :

"MY DEAR FRATER :—For the Christmas greeting from North Carolina, which you tender officially, I can only offer the affectionate promptings

"of a grateful heart; and assure you that I appreciate the Knightly
 "courtesy, words of endearment and fraternal esteem.

"May heaven's richest blessings rest upon, and be with you and yours
 "always.

Courteously Your Brother,

HUGH McCURDY,

Grand Master.

In order, and by request, to aid the Orphan Asylum, I issued the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	}
OF NORTH CAROLINA.	
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 1, 1894.	

Circular No. 1.

Inasmuch as all Commanderies within this jurisdiction will assemble on Christmas day in the observance of a custom sanctioned by the Grand Encampment; and

WHEREAS, at high noon, in the fullness of the light of the day that brought peace on earth and good will toward men, there can be no brighter moment in which to remember the helpless orphan, our special charge;

Now, therefore, it is earnestly requested that all Knights Templar within this jurisdiction, conscious of his own abundant blessings, will, on that day, lay upon the altar some substantial token for these little ones, which the proper officer of the Commandery will please forward to the Masonic Orphans Home at Oxford, or to some other charitable organization which the Commandery as a body may select.

It is hoped that this custom may become general, and one of strict observance, as we gather yearly, and for this purpose your Grand Commander earnestly begs your interested and hearty co-operation.

Courteously and with fraternal greetings at this Christmas tide.

ALPHONSO H. COBB,

Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

For the reasons therein stated, I caused to be issued the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,	}
OF NORTH CAROLINA,	
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,	
ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 1st, 1894.	

General Order No. 3.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted at our last annual conclave :

It is ordered that all the Commanderies within this jurisdiction may observe either or all of the following named days for attending Divine service

in full Templar uniform, viz : Christmas day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Ascension day, for which purpose this Order shall be sufficient and ample dispensation.

Eminent Commanders will make due return of any observance of the same.

ALPHONSO H COBB,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

The following communications have been received, which I lay before you for action:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR }
OF ALABAMA. }
OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER. }
MONTGOMERY, Ala , July 12, 1894 }

E Sir H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Wilmington, N. C.

DEAR SIR AND FRATER:—At the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and I was directed to send copies to the several Grand Commanderies in the United States and ask their co-operation in making them effective:

“WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Alabama remembers with sorrow that the Cross, the symbol of our faith, was displayed on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in Denver in 1892, and at other Conclaves:

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Alabama earnestly petitions Grand Master McCurdy to use his influence to prevent the unseemly use of the Cross at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston.

Resolved 2. That these resolutions be sent to the M. E. Grand Master by the R. E. Grand Commander of Alabama, together with such memorial letter, going to emphasize the sentiments of this Grand Commandery, as he may deem expedient.”

Courteously Yours,
E. R. HASTINGS,
Grand Recorder.

To all Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar in the United States and Provinces of British North America:

The undersigned, in behalf of their confreres of the Guild and the Grand bodies that, in this behalf, they serve and represent, ask not merely your approval but your material aid to secure a complete Masonic library for each jurisdiction, which shall include full sets of printed annual proceedings of all corresponding jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretaries and Grand Recorders, with some assistance—most of which can be secured by volunteers—will undertake the work of supplying a list of their wants and a catalogue of duplicates on hand available for exchanges. If the work is systematically and thoroughly done, by some central committee, it is believed that the first aim—the compilation of full sets for our Grand Bodies can soon be accomplished, and much toward building up Masonic libraries in all jurisdictions.

Where reprints are needed we believe in most jurisdictions, the work will be undertaken at home, especially when assurance is given that copies will be subscribed for to cover the cost. While in some cases a number of years must be covered by a reprint, yet the greatest part of the work will be accomplished by the exchange of existing material—transferring it from places where it is going to waste to others where it will be of appreciable value.

With a central clearing house in charge of an efficient officer, with lists of wants and duplicates before him, the work of transfer can be easily and speedily accomplished. It would be right that each jurisdiction undertake to bear the expense of sending by mail or express—which ever would be cheaper—that which it receives. For a short time, while the heaviest of the work is being done, a moderate compensation should be paid to one devoting his entire time to the work, and money would be needed for postage, printing, etc. We propose that each Grand Body be asked to contribute five dollars towards the general expenses of such organization, and that other permanent Masonic Library Associations be admitted to share the privileges and benefits, after the Grand Bodies are first served, upon paying the same amount.

After the main work has been accomplished, the payment of one dollar per annum will serve to carry it on: It is therefore fraternally requested that each Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery contribute five dollars to the Masonic Collector's Association, of which M. W. Bro. James W. Staton, of Brooklyn, Kentucky, is President, and M. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, of Newark, Ohio, is Secretary. Send contributions to the Secretary, either by bills of exchange or P. O. money order.

Fraternally, Cordially and Courteously,

WM. R. BOWEN, of Nebraska,

CORNELIUS HEDGES, of Montana,

JOHN N. BELL, of Ohio,

J. J. MASON, of Ontario,

BENJ. W. ROWELL, of Massachusetts.

January 15, 1895.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Neglected Action:—

The Jurisprudence Committee, to whom was referred part of the Grand Commander's address in 1891, recommended that subordinate Comman-

deries summon their members for the election of officers. The records do not show what disposition was made of the report. It was probably adopted. To make the matter definite, an expression of the sense of this body upon that subject matter is necessary.

Official Courtesy:—

It is earnestly recommended to the consideration of all the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, more especially those who are brought into close official relations with the Grand Recorder and Grand Commander, that courtesy in official correspondence is as essential as in civil relations.

There are duties which cannot be properly and conscientiously discharged by one who sincerely endeavors to do so, as your chosen servant, unless your earnest and hearty co-operation is obtained. I refer more particularly to the duties of the Grand Recorder, which are onerous at the best, and doubly so when he cannot obtain that consideration which simple courtesy demands. In my own case, I am aware of one instance when but few replies were received to a matter which demanded immediate consideration. If, to some, there may seem to be an indifference to your interests, it would be better understood were the discourtesy lessened. The Statutes and Regulations are in the possession of each Commander, and I would suggest a more careful perusal of the duties and obligations of Sir Knights, which have been voluntarily assumed. Closely akin to this, is a matter which may safely be placed under the same heading. It will be observed that several dispensations are asked—to elect and install officers. Precisely to avoid such an occurrence was the motive of the resolution offered in 1891, upon which action was delayed, and which I had supposed, until informed to the contrary by the Grand Recorder, was existing law. If the sense of this Grand Body be such as to confirm this resolution, I would respectfully urge that in case of failure to obey a summons the Commanders of subordinate bodies be alert to their duty in the premises. Too great laxity in conforming to existing Templar law is one of the sources of the weakness of our bodies; and if obedience is not natural it should be forced—or relinquished.

Christmas Observance:—

This custom I deem should be observed annually, and that there may be no doubt of its character, as I endorse it, I would recommend the form of observance as set forth in that most excellent of Templar monitors, "The Shibboleth," by the late Geo. C. Connor, P. G. C., of Tennessee. I would also recommend that the beverage water, and no other, be permitted within the Asylum walls on that occasion.

I believe that the remembrance annually of those who have gone before, whose deeds of charity and pure beneficence long outlast their weak and frail organizations, will serve to uplift and refresh many a weary pilgrim

while traveling the rough and rugged path of life. 'Twill be

“Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and a shipwrecked brother
Seeing, may take heart again”

Finally, Sir Knights, let us put on the strong armor of the Lord and stand forth manfully to war with the sins that doth so easily beset us.

Were we filled with the spirit of the teachings of the Order, we would be better able to do good to our fellow man than any other moral institution, the church, perhaps, excepted; and this I add with an affectionate and loving regard for the latter, born of a knowledge of what it may and can do for man. But, were we in earnest to be about the Father's business; if to receive were to convert a candidate, impress upon him still stronger the teachings he has heard from early childhood, and make him strong in the faith; then should our daily walk, daily contact with man, be such as to pass the overseer's square, and bring no reproach upon this Order or upon the name of Him under whose banner we serve.

In returning to you the jewel of office, which you so graciously placed upon me one year ago, I thank you for the interest, support and confidence which has been accorded me. Particularly am I grateful to our most efficient and genial Grand Recorder, Horace H. Munson, whose earnest efforts to discharge the duties of his office are truly commendable.

May the lots be cast and fall upon one worthier, whose zeal for the cause may be none the greater, but in whom there may be that wisdom from above to direct, encourage and develop our Order till it occupy that position in the State which its principles merit and importance demands. Until then may every earnest, honest effort of the individual Knights of this Jurisdiction be directed to the development of the work. May they dispense true light to their less informed brethren, and not derogate from the character they have voluntarily assumed; but be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, that the Master may have honor and they profit thereby.

ALPHONSO H. COBB,

Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address was referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights F. M. Moye, P. G. Commander, J. C. Drewry and P. A. Wilson.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, John C. Chase, submitted his report as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

I herewith report my official acts for the Templar year.

On November 1st, I visited Raleigh Commandery No. 4, it being their regular Conclave.

On November 3rd I visited Durham Commandery No. 3, and installed their officers, a special Conclave being held for the purpose. The Prelate-elect having moved away and the Junior Warden-elect having died, I authorized a special election to fill the vacancies in accordance with the special authority issued to me by the R. E. Grand Commander, under date of October 24th.

On November 9th I visited Charlotte Commandery No. 2, a special Conclave being called to receive me.

On November 15th I visited Cyrene Commandery No. 5, but owing to the short notice I was able to give and conflicting meetings, a quorum was not present.

On May 3rd I visited St. John, No. 10, and on May 8th Plantagenet, No. 1, which completed the list assigned me by General Order No. 1.

The general increase in membership has been slight, owing, I have no doubt, to the general business depression. Plantagenet, No. 1, and Charlotte, No. 2, show substantial gains, and St. John, No. 10, is in a healthy condition, showing a slight increase, with other accessions assured.

I am indebted to the Sir Knights of the various Commanderies for their kindly hospitality.

Courteously submitted,

JOHN C. CHASE,

Deputy Grand Commander.

The Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Past Grand Commander F. M. Moye, submitted verbal reports

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing Committees:

On Warrants and Dispensations: Sir Knights J. H. Hackburn, J. C. Munds and J. J. Whitaker.

On Finance: Sir Knights W. F. Randolph, E. P. Bailey and George Howard, Jr.

On Place of Next Annual Conclave: Sir Knights W. E. Storm, M. D. Bailey, W. A. Slater.

On Templar Jurisprudence: Sir Knights J. Southgate, J. C. Chase, B. R. Lacy.

On Appeals and Grievances: Sir Knights W. A. Withers, J. J. Thornton and D. C. White.

On Fraternal Correspondence: Sir Knight John C. Chase.

On Necrology: Sir Knights W. S. Liddell, H. I. Clark and F. Ulrich.

On Unfinished Business: Sir Knights W. H. Applewhite and H. C. Atkinson.

The Grand Recorder submitted his report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

I herewith submit my annual report :

1894.

- May 12. Drew draft on Grand Treasurer to pay dues to Grand Encampment.
16. Distributed circulars of elected officers.
- June 7. Distributed proceedings of Grand Comuandery.
- July 9. Issued commission to Wm. Preston Eugene, Oregon, Grand Representative, in place of Sir Knight Frank Dunn, deceased.
- Aug. 9. Distributed circular of Graud Commander relating to headquarters at Boston Triennial, Grand Eucampment 1895.
- Dec. 1. Issued General Order No. 1 of Grand Commander, relating to offerings to Orphan Asylum upon Christmas day.
- Issued General Order No. 2 of Grand Commander, on Christmas Observance.
- Issued General Order No. 3 of Grand Commander, granting dispensation for Templar Observance of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Asceusion Day in Templar Uuniform without further notice.
- Dec. 4. Issued General Order No. 4 of Grand Commander, for inspection of Subordinate Commaudcries.

1895.

- Jan. 16. Issued circular of Grand Commander in refereuce to Triennial at Boston in 1895.
- Mar. 1. Mailed Blauk Returns to Recorders of Commanderies.

Proceedings of the followiug Fraternal Bodies for 1894 have been received:

Arkansas,	Kentucky,	Nebraska,	Tennessee,
Alabama,	Kansas,	New Jersey,	Texas,
Connecticut,	Louisiana '95,	North Dakota,	Vermont,
California,	Michigan,	New York,	Virginia,
Colorado,	Missouri,	New Hampshire,	Wyoming,
Canada,	Minnesota,	Oregon,	West Virginia,
Georgia,	Maine,	Ohio '95,	Wisconsin,
Iudiana '95,	Mississippi '95,	Peunsylvania,	Washington,
Iowa,	Montana,	South Dakota,	
Illinois,	Maryland,		

DEATH.

Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commaudery of Connecticut, passed from this life October 10, 1894. His valuable services in the interest of Masonry, the many official positions he was called upon to

fill, the faithful discharge of every duty imposed upon him, the manifestation of a gentle and noble character, will cause him to be mourned by hosts of friends who esteem the qualities that adorn a genuine craftsman.

M. E. Dwight Byington passed to the Upper Sanctuary while filling the office of Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. He was honored repeatedly by being called to fill the highest offices in the several Masonic Bodies to which he belonged, being equally zealous in each, and shedding forth in his life, to the fullest extent, the example of an upright and perfect man.

Robert Macoy, for nearly half a century Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New York, entered into rest January 9th, 1895. I can do no better justice to his noble character than to quote from his own writings as follows :

"As I look back over the road I have travelled, I regard the years—nearly half a century—that I have spent in the service of Templarism as the most useful and the happiest of my life. Many of those who were with me at the start have crossed the silent river and await our coming on the other side. One thing impresses me as I look over the long list of Sir Knights, in which are concentrated the friendships of a life, that they were the manliest men I ever knew. They have left behind the sweet savor of blessed and happy memories, which are among the richest of life's golden treasures. I have watched many of my knightly brothers, when they were called to bear life's last and supremest trials, and never until then, when the eye grew dim and the heart beat faintly, did I fully appreciate the refulgent glory of the Templar's motto and sign."

Our own jurisdiction has suffered in the loss of good and true men to whose memories the tribute of respect will be paid by Sir Knights appointed for that purpose.

Charlotte No. 2, has lost.....	1.
Durham No. 3, has lost	1.
Raleigh No. 4, has lost.....	1.
Cyrene No. 5, has lost.....	1.
Mt. Lebanon No. 7, has lost.....	2.
St. George No. 9, has lost.....	1.
DeMolai No. 11, has lost	2
Total.....	9.

The following Commanderies have paid dues :

1894.	
Aug. 9.	St. George, No. 9, Tarboro.....\$14 00
1895.	
April 4.	Raleigh, No. 4, Raleigh..... 36 00 ~
5.	St. Johns, No. 10, Newbern 20 00 ~
10.	Plantagenet, No. 1, Wilmington..... 48 00 ~
23.	St. Aldemar, No. 12, Enfield..... 12 00 ~
27.	Charlotte, No. 2, Charlotte..... 48 00 ~
May 7.	Mt. Lebanon, No. 7, Wilson..... 23 00 ~
9.	Ivanhoe, No. 8, Greensboro..... 29 00 ~
	St. George, No. 9, Tarboro..... 12 00 ~
10.	Durham, No. 3, Durham..... 27 00 ~
14.	Cyrene, No. 5, Asheville..... 48 00 ~
	Piedmont, 6, Winston..... 43 00 ~
	DeMolai, No. 11..... 15 00 ~
Total.....\$375 00	

I am again obliged to call the attention of Recorders to the law concerning a duty arising out of election of officers, which requires notice to issue to the Grand Recorder, so that if necessary he may know with whom to correspond; also the law provides that returns shall be made to the Grand Recorder the first of the month preceding the one in which the Grand Commandery shall be held. If this law was complied with and returns promptly sent, it would save a great deal of annoying correspondence.

The following furnishes correctly the status of Knights Templarism in this State as per returns to April 1st, 1895, showing loss and gain:

Plantagenet, No. 1, 48, gain 6.

Charlotte, No. 2, 48; gain 6.

Durham, No. 3, 27; loss 3.

Raleigh, No. 4, 36; loss 3.

Cyrene, No. 4, 48; loss 3.

Piedmont, No. 6, 43; gain 9.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 7, 23; loss 4.

Ivanhoe, No. 8, 29; gain 8.

St. George, No. 9, 12; loss 2.

St. John, No. 10, 20; gain 2.

DeMolai, No. 11, 16; loss 2.

St. Aldemar, No. 12, 12.

Total membership 362, a net gain of 24.

Courteously submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee :

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA

1894.		DR.		
June 1.	To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$494	07	
Aug. 10.	" Cash from H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder...	14	00	
1895.				
April 5.	" " " " " " " "	36	00	
6.	" " " " " " " "	20	00	
12.	" " " " " " " "	48	00	
24.	" " " " " " " "	12	00	
29.	" " " " " " " "	48	00	
May 10.	" " " " " " " "	41	00	
11.	" " " " " " " "	27	00	
14.	" " " " " " " "	91	00	
15.	" " " " " " " "	38	00	—\$869 07
1894.		CR.		
May 21.	By cash paid H. H. Munson	\$	9 62	
30.	" " " W. B. Isaacs, Gr. Encampment.....	16	85	
June 4.	" " " E. M. Uzzell.....	5	25	
20.	" " " Jackson & Bell	163	75	
25.	" " " John C. Chase, G. C. G.....	35	55	
July 2.	" " " S. G. Hall.....	31	00	
Dec. 8.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	21	46	
1895.				
April 10.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	7	85	
May 15.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	50	00	
15.	" " " W. A. Withers, G. C. G.....	13	45	
15.	" " " W. S. Liddell, Gr. Genralissimo...	8	55	
15.	" " " A. H. Cobb, Gr. Commander.....	56	15	
17.	" " " Wm Simpson, Gr. Treasurer	7	00	
17.	" " " R. H. Bradley, Gr. Sentinel.....	9	75	
17.	" " " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder.....	15	95	
17.	Balance on hand	\$416	89	—\$869 07

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM SIMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Sir Knight D. C. Allen submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That 11 o'clock to-morrow be set apart as the special hour for holding an election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Commandery adjourned 'till to morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.

The Grand Commandery met according to adjournment, the Grand Officers in their stations. The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

On motion of Sir Knight W. F. Randolph an invitation be extended to all Sir Knights in good standing to a seat in this Grand Body. Adopted.

Sir Knight J. H. Hackburn, from the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations, reported that no business had come before them. Adopted.

Sir Knight John C. Chase submitted his Report on Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Sir Knight W. A. Withers, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following, which was adopted :

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that nothing had been brought before them for consideration.

The Committee on Finance, through its chairman, Sir Knight W. F. Randolph, reported as follows, which was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them correct. Your committee also recommend that the services of V. E. Deputy Grand Commauder, John C. Chase, in compiling the report on correspondence, be remunerated in part by payment of his expenses to this Grand Conclave. Your committee further recommend that that part of the Grand Recorder's report relating to the law concerning the duties of Records of subordinate Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Past Grand Commander F. M. Moye, from the Committee on R. E. Grand Commanders address, submitted the following report which was referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights W. S. Liddell, J. D. Bullock and D. C. Allen :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, have considered the same and submit herewith their report: We have read with much interest his excellent address, which

shows that Templar Masonry has been well cared for the past year in North Carolina. The zeal and faithfulness displayed by him in his exalted station is highly commendable and entitles him to the thanks of our honorable Craft.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the fraternal dead of this and other Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology. That so much as refers to Dispensations and Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Also the general orders issued.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the Right Eminent Grand Commander in urging upon Sir Knights to be more prompt and careful in giving the necessary attention to all official communications. We also approve of his suggestion in regard to the observance of Christmas, and feel that in the observance of this Holy season we should be careful to avoid all excesses and should adopt his recommendation to use only pure water.

That so much as refers to the resolution offered in 1891 upon which action has been delayed—in relation to summoning Sir Knights to attend the regular Conclaves for the election of officers, be referred to a committee of three for special report.

In conclusion we would congratulate the Right Eminent Grand Commander upon the satisfactory condition of the Order at the close of the Templar year.

All of which is courteously submitted.

F. M. MOYE,
JOHN C. DREWRY,
PETER A. WILSON,
Committee.

Sir Knight J. H. Hackburn from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that no business had come before it. Adopted.

Sir Knight W. E. Storm, from the Committee on holding next Annual Conclave, report as follows which was adopted.

Your Committee on time and place for holding next Annual Grand Conclave beg leave to report that invitations have been tendered from Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, Wilmington, Ivanhoe No. 8, Greensboro and St. Johns No. 10, Newbern. After due consideration and in evidence of the fact that the Grand Commandery had never held an Annual Conclave at Newbern, the Committee decided to recommend that the Grand Commandery hold its next Annual Conclave at that place, upon Wednesday after the second Tuesday in May at 8 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Necrology submitted the following report, which was adopted:

That in view of the very appropriate and affectionate tribute paid to the memory of our fraternal dead by the R. E. Grand Commander in his address, your committee deems it unadvisable to add anything further, but recommend that a sufficient space in the printed proceedings of this Conclave be devoted to memorial notice of our deceased Fraters.

W. S. LIDDELL,
H. I. CLARK,
F. ULRICH,
Committee.

Sir Knight J. D. Bullock, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Commanders Address as relates to the summoning of Subordinate Commanderies for the election and installation of officers, recommend the adoption of the same.

W. S. LIDDELL,
J. D. BULLOCK,
D. C. ALLEN,
Committee.

Adopted.

The following Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were received with special honor.

- James D. Glenn.....Colorado.
- James Southgate..... ..Indiana.
- William Simpson..... ..Kansas.
- William F. Randolph..... ..Maryland.
- Francis M. Moye..... ..Minnesota.
- Alphonso H. Cobb..... ..Nebraska.
- James C. Munds..... ..New Hampshire.
- Horace H. Munson..... ..New York.
- Joseph H. Hackburn..... ..North Dakota.
- J. J. Thornton..... ..Ohio.
- John C. Chase..... ..Washington.
- William A. Withers..... ..Wyoming.

Sir Knight J. D. Glenn introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three on Transportation be appointed to arrange a rate to our next Annual Grand Conclave, and that the Grand Recorder be a member ex-officio of said committee. The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights J. D. Glenn, B. R. Lacey and H. I. Clark.

The special hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived it was held under the direction of Sir Knights W. F. Randolph, J. J. Thornton and W. E. Storm, resulting as follows :

WALTER S. LIDDELL.....Charlotte.....R. E. Grand Commander.
 WILLIAM A. WITHERS...RaleighV. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
 JOSEPH H. HACKBURN ...NewbernE. Grand Generalissimo.
 JAMES D. GLENN.....Greensboro :...E. Grand Captain General.
 REV. W. S. CREASY.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Prelate.
 MUNFORD D. BAILEY.....Winston.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
 WALTER E. STORM.....Wilmington ...E. Grand Junior Warden.
 WILLIAM SIMPSONRaleighE. Grand Treasurer.
 HORACE H. MUNSON.....Wilmington ...E. Grand Recorder.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Commander-elect appointed the following:

WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH..AshevilleE. Grand Standard Bearer.
 JAMES D. BULLOCK.....WilsonE. Grand Sword Bearer.
 DEWITT C. ALLEN.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Warder.
 ROBERT H. BRADLEYRaleigh.....E. Grand Sentinel.

Sir Knight J. J. Thornton introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Body regards Pittsburg, Pa., as the most eligible city in which to hold the Triennial Conelave of the Grand Encampment of the United States in the year 1898, and that the Representatives of this Grand Commandery are requested to support our Pennsylvania Fraters in the coming Conelave at Boston.

On motion of Past Grand Commander F. M. Moye the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That 8:30 o'clock p. m. be set apart for the installation of the elective Grand Officers, and the retiring Grand Commander be requested to perform the ceremony.

Sir J. C. Drewry introduced the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the four principal officers of this Grand Commandery be appointed a Committee on Triennial Grand Encampment at Boston, with power to select headquarters and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for an amount sufficient to defray the expense of the same.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the Grand Commandery :

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that no matter has come before them except the suggestion of the Grand Recorder in reference to the prompt reports of Subordinate Commanderies, which your Committee can merely emphasize, it being the law on our statutes.

Courteously submitted,
 J. SOUTHGATE,
 B. R. LACY,
 J. C. CHASE,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight W. A. Withers the Grand Commandery adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION, WEDNESDAY.

The Grand Commandery met according to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers by the retiring Grand Commander, A. H. Cobb, as follows, Sir Knight Z. P. Smith acting Grand Marshal :

WALTER S. LIDDELL.....CharlotteR. E. Grand Commander.
 WILLIAM A. WITHERS...Raleigh..... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
 JOSEPH H. HACKBURN...NEWBERN.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
 JAMES D. GLENN.....Greensboro.....E. Grand Captain General.
 REV. W. S. CREASY.....CharlotteE. Grand Prelate.
 MUNFORD D. BAILEY....Winston.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
 WALTER E. STORM.....Wilmington....E. Grand Junior Warden.
 WILLIAM SIMPSON RaleighE. Grand Treasurer.
 HORACE H. MUNSON.....Wilmington....E. Grand Recorder.
 WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH..Asheville.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
 JAMES D. BULLOCK WilsonE. Grand Sword Bearer.
 DEWITT E. ALLEN.....Charlotte.....E. Grand Warder.
 ROBERT H. BRADLEY. ...RaleighE. Grand Sentinel

Sir Knight W. H. Summerell, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that no business had come before it. Accepted.

The following telegram was received :

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., May 15, 1895.

To Horace H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Durham, N. C.

Grand Commandery of Kentucky in session at Bowling Green, salute the Grand Commandery of North Carolina in contemporaneous session. Expressions of fraternal regards.

L. D. CRONINGER,
Grand Recorder.

DURHAM, N. C., May 15, 1895.

L. D. Croninger, Esq., Grand Recorder, Bowling Green, Ky.

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina cordially reciprocates the sentiments contained in your telegram, and wishes for the Grand Commandery of Kentucky unbounded prosperity.

H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight A. H. Cobb offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and are hereby tendered to the Sir Knights of Durham Commandery, No. 3, to the ladies and citizens generally, for their kind and courteous attention to the members of this Grand Body.



No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Commandery closed in ample and Knightly form.

✠ WALTER S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest.

✠ *Horace H. Munson*
Grand Recorder.

THE BANQUET—Our Tar Heel friends can never gather together without having something to refresh the inner man. So the *Southgate* was again opened and two hundred and fifty rushed in. It was a scene to delight the eye, the bountifully supplied tables, the beautiful ladies, the inspiring music, the oratorical efforts, all combined to make one "complete and harmonious whole." In the early hours of the morning we wended our way to our hotel with the *full* consciousness of having performed our duty to the craft.

RETURNS

OF

Subordinate Commanderies.

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month, 8 P. M

OFFICERS :

Walter E. Storm.....	Eminent Commander.
Richard H. Grant.....	Generalissimo
Edw. P. Bailey.....	Captain General.
G. Z. French.....	Prelate.
Jas. C. Munds.....	Treasurer.
M. C. S. Noble.....	Recorder.
J. W. Monroe.....	Senior Warden.
W. P. Toomer.....	Junior Warden.
H. G. Smallbones.....	Staudard Bearer.
A. S. Heide.....	Sword Bearer.
J. C. Lodor.....	Warder.
T. H. Johnson.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Allen, W. W., P. G. C.	Hall, Samuel G.	McEachern, Duncan.
Baltzer, E. A.	Harriss, George.	Morton, Geo. L.
Boatwright, E. P.	Horne, J. M.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.
Burbauk, T. S.	Horn, E. A. K.	Post., Jas. F., Jr.
Cantwell, J. L.	Jackson, J. W.	Price, Richard W.
Chadbourn, Jas. H., Jr.	Jones, Wm. C.	Robinson, Uel M.
Chadbourn, W. H., P. C.	Kenan, Wm. R., P. C.	Scott, A. L.
Chase, John C., P. C.	Knowles, F. Marion.	Stedman, Frank H.
Comfort, C. I.	Latimer, Ed. S.	Smith, William J.
Daniel, John H.	Mann, J. C., P. C.	Willard, Martin S.
Evans, DeLancy.	Martin, Eugene S., P. C.	Williams, Wm. A.
Forshee, Jas. M.	McKeithan, D. T.	Williams, Duncan M.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, No. 2, CHARLOTTE.

Time of stated Conclave: Second and Fourth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Win E. Anderson	Eminent Commander.
D. E. Allen.....	Generalissimo.
E. F. Young.....	Captain General.
W. S. Creasy.....	Prelate.
George H. King.....	Treasurer.
Thomas S. Franklin	Recorder
R. W. Smith.....	Senior Warden.
E. S. Burgess.....	Junior Warden.
S. H. Hilton.....	Standard Bearer.
George Meredith.....	Sword Bearer.
D. G. Maxwell.....	Warder.
W. N. Prather.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Boyne, J. S.	Hopkins, C. L.	McFarland, J. T.
Brenizer, A. G. P. C.	Helms, J. D.	Owens, W. W.
Belk, J. M.	Hunt, F. D.	Page, Geo. A.
Belk, W. H.	Herring, H. C.	Quinn, M. C.
Carpenter, J. B.	Hotchkiss, L. L.	Robertson, J. F.
Curtis, F. O. S.	Lipscomb, C. F.	Robertson, T. R.
Davis, B. S.	Lawton, C. L.	Reinhardt, R. S.
Dixon, H. M.	Liddell, W. S. P. C.	Springs, H. G.
Day, H. M.	Misenheimer, J. F.	Smith, W. M.
Eccles, H. C.	Morse, J. H.	Summersett, W. B.
Fitzgerald, W. H.	McDonald, R. E.	Worrell, W. M.
Farrior, John	McAden, J. H.	Williams, W. H.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Southgate.....	Eminent Commander.
James Gattis.....	Generalissimo.
William A. Slater	Captain General.
Herbert J. Bass.....	Prelate.
Thomas E. Cheek.....	Treasurer.
Charles C. Taylor.....	Recorder.
William L. Wall	Senior Warden.
John L. Markham	Junior Warden
Norman M. Johnson.....	Standard Bearer.
James W. Blackwell.....	Sword Bearer.

Merritt H. Jones.....	Warder.
William P. Rollins.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Atkinson, L. A.	Freeland, John M.	Nichols, John.
Battle, L. W., P. C.	Leary, S. L.	Parrish, E. J.
Bishop, F. A.	Lee, J. W.	Sumpter, O. H.
Blackwell, W. T.	Markham, F. D.	Walker, B.
Carr, J. S., P. C.	McQueen, S.	Wilbon, J. D.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John C. Drewry.....	Eminent Commander.
John W. Thompson.....	Generalissimo.
Z P. Smith.....	Captain General.
B. R. Lacy.....	Prelate.
Wm. Simpson, P. C.....	Treasurer.
W. A. Withers; P. C.....	Recorder
W. E. Faison.....	Senior Warden.
Jacob Weltschi, Jr.....	Junior Warden.
Charles Wallin.....	Standard Bearer.
G. N. Walters.....	Sword Bearer.
W. R. Blake.....	Warder.
R. H. Bradley.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Adams, D. L.	Edwards, C. B.	Potter, E. C.
Andrews, A. B.	Greason, H. B.	Schneider, Karl.
Bain, W. H.	Hamilton, D. S.	Sexton, J. A.
Blake, T. W.	Harrell, E. G.	Uzzell, E. M.
Bowes, M., P. C.	Heartt, L. D.	Wait, S. D.
Busbee, F. H.	Irby, Benj.	Watson, F. A.
Cowan, H. M.	Jones, W. E.	Wetherell, W. P.
Dobson, J. F.	Massey, C. F.	Woodruff, C. A., P. G. C.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John A. Nichols.....	Eminent Commander.
William L. Shope.....	Generalissimo.
John D. Brevard.....	Captain General.
Hilliard F. Chreitzberg.....	Prelate.

Henry C. Fagg.....	Treasurer.
Marcus W. Robertson.....	Recorder.
Claude H. Miller.....	Senior Warden.
John L. Howard.....	Junior Warden.
John W. Schartle.....	Standard Bearer.
Robert R. Porter.....	Sword Bearer.
John A. Wagner.....	Warder.
Charles C. McCarty.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Brookshire, Jas. M.	Gudger, Wm. J.	Randolph, W. F., P. C.
Brookshire, John A.	Glenn, Eli R.	Reed, Thomas J.
Burroughs, Jas. A.	Hilliard, Wm. D.	Reed, Mark L.
Burrage, John H.	Herndon, David F.	Sprinkle, William C.
Bell, George H.	Jacobs, Fred. L., P. C.	Tweed, Chapel W.
Collins, David K.	Jarvis, Wm. Milton.	Toms, Charles F.
Cobb, Alphonso H., G C.	Lawson, Thomas.	Vance, Robert B.
Cocke, W. M. J. Jr.	Moore, Charles A.	Weeks, Francis M.
Carter, John Henry.	Moore, Walter E.	Williams, John H.
Fullenwider, Edw. H.	Martin, James G.	Whittaker, Chas. R.
Gudger, James M.	Porter, J. A., P. G. C.	Dickerson, Joseph E.
Gudger, Hezekiah H.	Porter, Robert R.	Rathbone, Scott B.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON

Time of stated Conclave : Fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Munford D. Bailey.....	Eminent Commander.
Robt. E. Dalton.....	Generalissimo.
Robt. H. Jones.....	Captain General.
Robt. E. Caldwell.....	Prelate.
Fred. G. Schaum.....	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith.....	Recorder.
James K. Norfleet.....	Senior Warden.
Jesse C. Bessent.....	Junior Warden.
Rufus W. Noding.....	Standard Bearer.
Wm. H. Summerell.....	Sword Bearer.
Thos. L. Farrow.....	Warder.
Peter W. Dalton.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, S. E.	Hanes, P. H.	Rich, E. D.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Hanes, B. F.	Spaugh, E.
Bahnson, H. T., P. C.	Hauser, A. J.	Transon, R. E.
Bahnson, W. G.	Jones, E. L.	White, J. H.

Blair, W. A.	Johnston, R. D.	White, J. A.
De Vane, D. L.	Mast, D P., P. C.	Wilson, N. S.
Dalton, R. I.	McArthur, R. M.	Wilson, P. A., P. C.
Ebent, E. A.	Mann, F. W.	Whitaker, C. L.
Franklin, W. E.	Norfleet, R. C.	Yerex, J. W.
Griffith, J. W.	Price, C. J.	
Hunter, J. W., P. C.	Quincy, G. R.	

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

OFFICERS:

B. F. Briggs.....	Eminent Commander.
W. H. Applewhite.....	Generalissimo
S. C. Wells.....	Captain General.
E. M. Nadal.....	Prelate.
J. D. Wells.....	Treasurer.
G. W. Blount.....	Recorder.
James Lipscombe.....	Senior Warden.
R. G. Briggs.....	Junior Warden.
R. S. Barnes.....	Standard Bearer.
E. C. Exum.....	Sword Bearer.
J. W. Hays.....	Warder.
W. P. Snakenburg.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Bullock, J. D., P C	Farmer, Wiley W.	Sugg T B.
Cobb, J. T.	Harriss, W. J.	Ward, W. J.
Daniel, Adrian N.	Moye F. M., P. G. C.	Ward, W. M.
Daniel, Willie.	Peacock, J. K.	

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert H. Alderman.....	Eminent Commander.
Silas C. Dodson.....	Generalissimo.
Obed. W. Carr.....	Captain General.
Chas. H. Ireland.....	Prelate.
Herbert H. Cartland.....	Treasurer.
Geo. W. Whitsett.....	Recorder.
Samuel Brown.....	Senior Warden.
Chas M. Hackett.....	Junior Warden.
C. M. Vanstory.....	Standard Bearer.
Burges E. Jones.....	Sword Bearer.

Sidney L. Alderman.....Warder.
J. M. WilliamsSentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Eckle, Eugene.	Kantner, J. E.	Stevens, Jesse H.
Glenn, Jas. D., P. C.	Kerr, Samuel A.	Short, Juan F.
Groom, Pinkney L.	Lindley, J. Van.	Thornton, J. J., P. C.
Holt, Edwin C.	Newell, Dwight W.	Woodruff, Geo.
Holt, Jas. H., Jr.	Richardson, William R.	Hall, N. L., P. C.
Johnson, Calvin C.	Stubbs, A. H., P. C.	

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY, No 9, TARBORO.

Time of stated Conclave : First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

J. R. Pender.....Eminent Commander.
J. R. GaskillGeneralissimo.
Donald Williams.....Captain General.
H. I. ClarkPrelate.
J. W. Cotten.....Treasnrer.
C. J. Austin.....Recorder.
A. M. Fairly.....Senior Warden.
J. M. BakerJunior Warden.
E. B. HartmanStandard Bearer.
George StuddardSword Bearer.
Owen Williams, Jr.....Warder.
George Howard, Jr.....Sentinel.

ST. JOHN COMMANDERY, No 10, NEWBERN.

Time of stated Conclave : First and Third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS:

J. H. Hackburn.....Eminent Commander.
Ferdinand Ulrich.....Generalissimo.
Hugh J. Lovick.....Captain General.
Thomas Daniels.....Prelate.
T. A. Green.....Treasurer.
Thomas F. McCarthy.....Recorder.
S. R. StreetSenior Warden.
James Redmond.....Junior Warden.
L. J. Taylor.....Standard Bearer.
E. F. Rowe.....Sword Bearer.
John C. Green.....Warder.
W. R. Wartars.....Sentinel.

OFFICERS :

Hackburn, E. B.	McIntosh, W. A.	Clark, Jos. B.
Bryant, H. R. Jr.	Basnight, J. S.	Bradham, C. D.
Abbott, D. H.	Guion, Owen H.	

DEMOLAI COMMANDERY, No. 11, OXFORD.

Time of stated Conclave: Third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

B. S. Royster.....	Eminent Commander.
S. H. Smith.....	Generalissimo.
W. J. Long.....	Captain General.
R. H. Marsh.....	Prelate.
D. C. White.....	Treasurer.
Chas. J. Gregory.....	Recorder.
L. C. Taylor.....	Senior Warden.
J. M. Currin.....	Junior Warden.
R. W. Hobgood.....	Standard Bearer.
E. C. A. Tuck.....	Sword Bearer.
W. S. Holloway.....	Warder.
J. W. Huut.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Burroughs, W. B.	Strauss, N. P.
Medford, J. J.	Spencer, A. F.

ST. ALDEMAR COMMANDERY, No. 12, ENFIELD.

Time of stated Conclave: Third Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

David Bell.....	Eminent Commander.
J. J. Whitaker.....	Generalissimo.
W. F. Parker.....	Captain General.
F. L. Pippen.....	Prelate.
J. H. Parker.....	Treasurer.
John A. Collins.....	Recorder.
W. D. Pittman.....	Senior Warden.
C. S. McGwigan.....	Junior Warden.
H. S. Harrison.....	Standard Bearer.
F. W. Gregory.....	Sword Bearer.
M. J. Carr.....	Warder.
C. A. Williams.....	Sentinel.

EXPELLED.

Charlotte Commandery, No. 2—S. S. Pegram, April 3rd, 1895.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1894.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DEMITTED.	DIED.	SUSPENDED.	EXPELLED.	MEMBERS 1895.
Plantagenet	1	Wilmington	42	7	1	2	...	...	...	48
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte.....	42	5	3	...	1	...	1	48
Durham.....	3	Durham	29	...	...	1	1	...	...	27
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh	39	2	...	1	1	3	...	36
Cyrene	5	Asheville	51	4	...	3	1	3	...	48
Piedmont.....	6	Winston	34	10	...	...	...	1	...	43
Mount Lebanon*	7	Wilson	26	...	...	1	2	...	...	23
Ivanhoe*.....	8	Greensboro	21	9	...	...	...	1	...	29
St. George	9	Tarboro.....	14	...	...	1	1	...	...	12
St. John.....	10	Newbern	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	20
DeMolai	11	Oxford.....	22	...	...	2	2	2	...	16
St. Aldemar.....	12	Enfield.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
.....		.....	350	39	4	11	9	10	1	362

*Error last year.

Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina From 1881 to 1895 Inclusive.

Year	GRAND COMMANDERS.	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.	GRAND GENERALISSIMOS.	GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND RECORDERS.
1881	Horace H. Munson.....	Lee W. Battle.....	Geo. H. King.....	*Samuel S. Everitt....	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1882	Horace H. Munson....	Lee W. Battle.....	Geo. H. King.....	Julian S. Carr.....	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1883	+Eugene Grissom.....	Geo. H. King.....	*Andrew J. Blair.....	William R. Cox.....	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1884	+Eugene Grissom.....	*Andrew J. Blair.....	Geo. W. Blount.....	David G. Maxwell.....	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1885	*Donald W. Bain.....	Geo. H. King.....	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen.....	William Simpson.....	James C. Munds.
1886	*Donald W. Bain.....	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen.....	Carl A. Woodruff.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1887	Carle A. Woodruff	William W. Allen.....	*Francis H. Glover....	Edward W. Nadal	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1888	John A. Porter.....	Edward M. Nadal.....	*Francis H. Glover....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1889	John A. Porter.....	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.	Eugene S. Martin.....	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson.
1890	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin.....	Francis M. Moye.....	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson.
1891	William W. Allen.....	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin.....	Francis M. Moye.....	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson.
1892	James Southgate.....	Eugene S. Martin	Francis M. Moye.....	Peter A. Wilson, Jr....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1893	Francis M. Moye.....	Alphonso H Cobb.....	Peter A. Wilson.....	John C. Chase.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1894	Alphonso H. Cobb.....	John C. Chase.....	Walter S. Liddell.....	William A. Withers....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.
1895	Walter S. Liddell	William A. Withers....	Joseph H. Hackburn..	James D. Glenn.....	William Simpson.....	Horace H. Munson.

*Deceased.

+Removed from Jurisdiction.

EMINENT COMMANDERS.

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WILLIAM R. KENAN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WALTER E. STORM.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JOHN H. MCADEN.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
WILLIAM ANDERSON.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
WILLIAM L. WALL.....	DURHAM, No. 3.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
JOHN A. NICHOLS.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
F. L. JACOBS.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
MUNFORD D. BAILEY.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
HENRY T. BAHNSEN.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
DANIEL P. MAST.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS.....	MT. LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. BULLOCK.....	MT. LEBANON, No. 7.
BENJ. F. BRIGGS.....	MT. LEBANON, No. 7.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
NATHANIEL N. S. HALL.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
ALBERT H. ALDERMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN W. COTTEN.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
GEORGE HOWARD, JR.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
J. N. PENDER.....	ST. GEORGE, No. 9.
WILLIAM J. BOYKIN.....	DEMOLAI, No. 11.
SIMEON H. SMITH.....	DEMOLAI, No. 11.
B. S. ROYSTER.....	DEMOLAI, No. 11.
DAVID BELL.....	ST. ALDEMAR, No. 12.

RECORDERS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

Plantagenet, No. 1.....	M. C. S. NOBLE	Wilmington.
Charlotte, No. 2.....	THOS. S. FRANKLIN.....	Charlotte.
Durham, No. 3.....	C. C. TAYLOR	Durham.
Raleigh, No. 4.....	W. A. WITHERS.....	Raleigh.
Cyrene, No. 5.....	MARCUS W. ROBERTSON	Asheville.
Piedmont, No. 6.....	SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	Winston.
Mt. Lebanon, No. 7.....	G. W. BLOUNT.....	Wilson.
Ivanhoe, No. 8.....	GEO. W. WHITSETT.....	Greensboro.
St. George, No. 9.....	C. J. AUSTIN.....	Tarboro.
St. John, No. 10.....	THOS. F. MCCARTHY.....	Newbern.
DeMolai, No. 11.....	CHAS. J. GREGORY	Oxford.
St. Aldemar, No. 12.....	JNO. A. COLLINS.....	Enfield.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED BY THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	FROM NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Alabama	Edward W. Gilfillan	New Tuscumbia.
Arkansas	John L. Sumpter	Hot Springs.
California	Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco.
Colorado	William T. Bridwell	Canon City.
Connecticut	James H. Welsh	Danbury.
Georgia	James L. Fleming	Augusta.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	William J. Robie	Richmond.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	Edward P. Allen	Independence.
Kentucky	George W. Wicks	Louisville.
Louisiana	William H. Chaffe	New Orleans.
Maine	Edmund McMurden	Augusta.
Maryland	Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore.
Massachusetts & R. I.	Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls.
Minnesota	Charles McMillen	Duluth.
Mississippi	William P. Fowler .....	.....
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
Nebraska	W. K. Williams	York.
New Hampshire	Don. H. Woodward	Keene.
New Jersey	Joseph D. Congdon	Paterson.
New York	Orren C. Parker	Batavia.
North Dakota	John D. Smith	Valley City.
Ohio	William T. McLeon	Sidney.
Oregon	William Preston	Eugene City.
Pennsylvania	William J. Dickson	Philadelphia.
South Dakota	Hugh S. Murphy	Elkton.
Tennessee	W. C. Smith	Nashville.
Texas	Daniel S. Malvin	Austin.
Vermont	William H. Vinton	Battleboro.
Virginia	Elbert C. Walthall	Richmond.
West Virginia	W. H. Travis	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	George C. Teall	Eau Claire.
Washington	James D. DeMattos	Whatcover.
Wyoming	Perry L. Smith	Rawlins.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED TO THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Alabama.....	Rev. Geo. H. Bell.....	Bell.
Arkansas	H. T. Bahnson.....	Salem.
California.....	S. H. Smith.....	Winston.
Colorado.....	James D. Glenn.....	Greensboro.
Connecticut	George W. Blount.....	Wilson.
Georgia.....	E. M. Nadal.....	Wilson.
Illinois.....	Julian S. Carr.....	Durham.
Indiana	James Southgate.....	Durham.
Iowa.....	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.
Kansas.....	William Simpson	Raleigh.
Kentucky.....	A. G. Brenizer.....	Charlotte.
Louisiana	Jacob E. Kantner	Greensboro.
Maine.....	John A. Porter.....	Asheville.
Maryland	W. F. Randolph.....	Asheville.
Massachusetts & R. I.....	George H. King	Charlotte.
Minnesota.....	Francis M. Moye	Wilson.
Mississippi.....	J. W. Hunter	Salem.
Missouri.....	W. L. Wall	Durham.
Nebraska	A. H. Cobb	Asheville.
New Hampshire.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen	Winston.
New York.....	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
North Dakota	Joseph H. Hackburn.....	Newbern.
Ohio.....	John J. Thornton	Greensboro.
Oregon	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.	Charlotte.
Pennsylvania	E. J. Parish	Durham.
South Dakota.....	Charles J. Austin.....	Tarboro.
Tennessee	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington.
Texas.....	Michael Bowles.....	Raleigh.
Vermont.....	Walter E. Storm.....	Wilmington.
Virginia.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.
West Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
Wisconsin.....	W. H. Chadbourn.....	Wilmington.
Washington.....	John C. Chase	Wilmington.
Wyoming.....	William A. Withers.....	Raleigh.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Arizona.....	DOUGLAS SNYDER.....	Tucson.
Alabama.....	WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS.....	Birmingham.
Arkansas.....	JAMES A. HENRY.....	Little Rock.
Australia.....	CHAS. CHAPMAN.....	271 Collins St., Victoria.
California.....	THOMAS H. CASWELL.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	EDWARD C. PARMELEE.....	Masonic Temp, Denver
Connecticut.....	ELI C. BIRDSEY.....	Meridian.
Canada.....	JAMES H. MATHER.....	Hamilton, Ont.
England and Wales.....	JNO. CROSSLAND HAY.....	Mark Masons Hall.
Georgia.....	SAMUEL P. HAMILTON.....	Savannah.
Grand Encampment.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond, Virginia.
Illinois.....	GILBERT W. BARNARD.....	1900 Masonic Temple.
Indiana.....	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	ALFRED WINGATE.....	Des Moines.
Ireland.....	DAV'NPO'T CROSSWAITE.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	ANDREW M. CALLAHAN.....	211 E. Ave., Topeka.
Kentucky.....	LORENZO D. CRONINGER.....	Covington.
Louisiana.....	RICHARD LAMBERT.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	STEPHEN BERRY.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	JOHN H. MILLER.....	Baltimore, Browns whf.
Massachusetts & R. L.....	BENJ. W. ROWELL.....	28 School St., Boston.
Michigan.....	JOHN A. GEROW.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	THOMAS MONTGOMERY.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	JOHN L. POWELL.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	WILLIAM H. MAYO.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	CORNELIUS HEDGES.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Omaha
New Hampshire.....	GEORGE P. CLEAVES.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
New York.....	JOHN F. SHAFER.....	Albany.
North Carolina.....	HORACE H. MUNSON.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	FRANK J. THOMPSON.....	Fargo.
Ohio.....	JOHN N. BELL.....	Dayton.
Oregon.....	JAS. F. ROBINSON.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	MONT. H. SMITH.....	Masonic Temple, Phil.
South Dakota.....	WILLIAM H. HOLT.....	Sioux Falls.
Scotland.....	C. C. NESBIT.....	Edinburg.
Tennessee.....	WILBUR F. FOSTER.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	ROBERT BREWSTER.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	WARREN G. REYNOLDS.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM B. ISAACS.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	YANCEY C. BLALOCK.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	ROBT. C. DUNNINGTON.....	Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	JOHN W. LAFLIN.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	JOHN C. BAIRD.....	Cheyenne.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

ALABAMA.

E. SIR EDMUND R. HASTINGS,

Grand Recorder,

Died Dec. 21st, 1894.

E. SIR MILTON C. BALDRIDGE,

Grand Captain General.

Died Jan. 9th, 1895.

CONNECTICUT.

R. E. SIR PIERRE ST. MEDARD ANDREWS,

Past Grand Commander,

Died June 22nd, 1894.

E. SIR JAMES M. SMITH,

Grand Warder,

Died Oct. 5th, 1894.

E. SIR JOSEPH K. WHEELER,

Grand Recorder,

Died Oct. 10th, 1894.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

E. SIR COLLINS D. PRATT,

Grand Senior Warden,

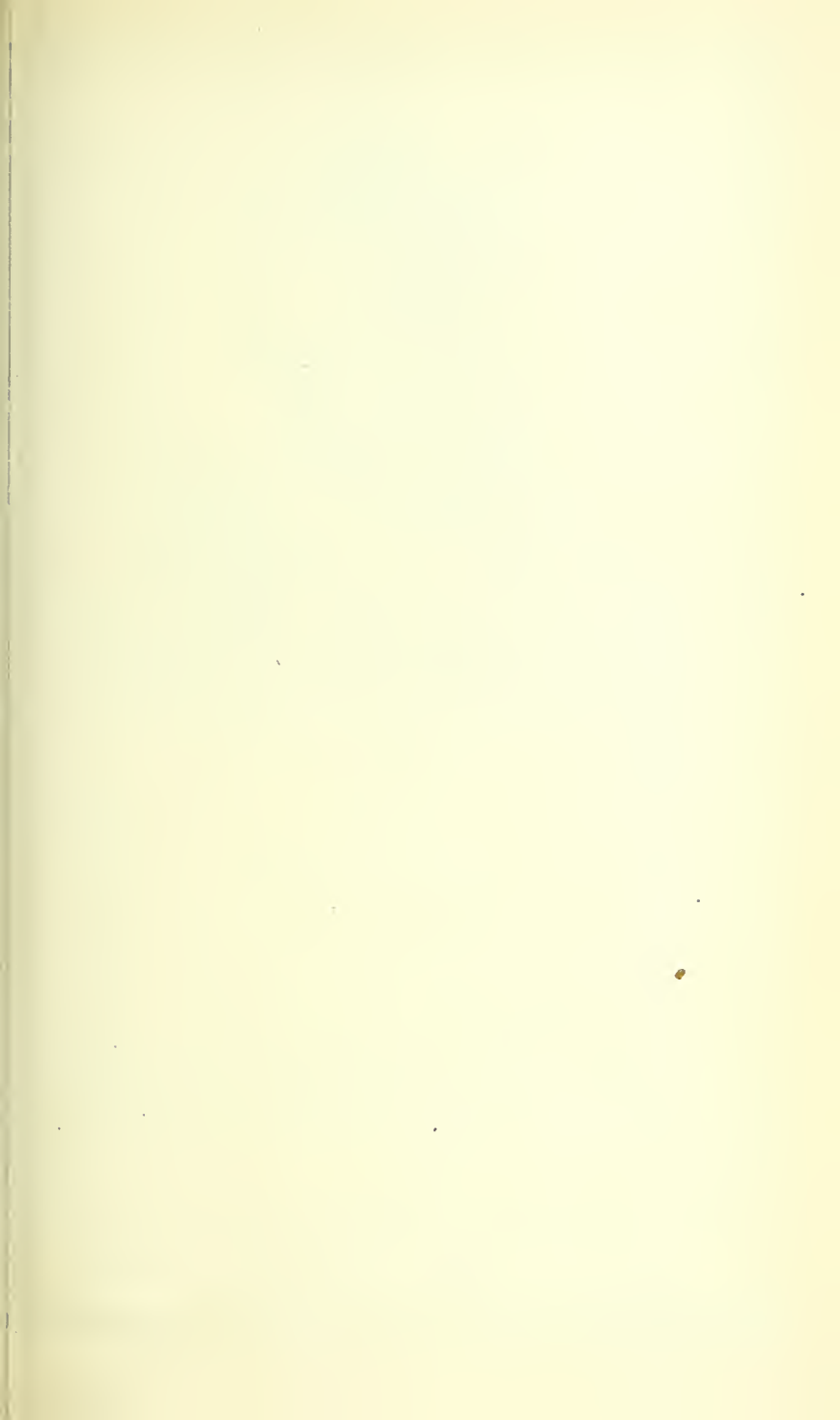
Died Aug. 2nd, 1894.

INDIANA.

R. E. SIR JOSEPH A. MANNING,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Oct. 22nd, 1894.



KANSAS.

R. E. SIR JOHN L. PHILBRICK,

Past Grand Commander,

Died July 8th, 1894.

OHIO.

R. E. SIR HERMAN ELY,

Past Grand Commander,

Died July 8th, 1894.

OREGON.

SIR KNIGHT FRANK B. DUNN,

*Grand Representative of North Carolina near the
Grand Commandery of Oregon.*

TENNESSEE.

R. E. SIR JOHN FRIZZELL,

Past Grand Commander,

Died Nov. 30th, 1894.

E. SIR CHARLES LEWIS FULLER,

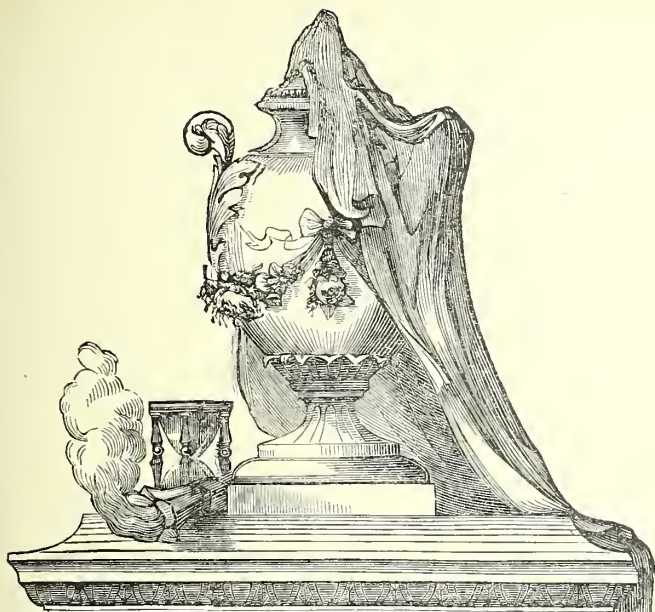
Grand Captain of the Guard,

Died March 23rd, 1895.

TEXAS.

R. E. SIR PHILIP CROSBY TUCKER,

Died July 9th, 1894



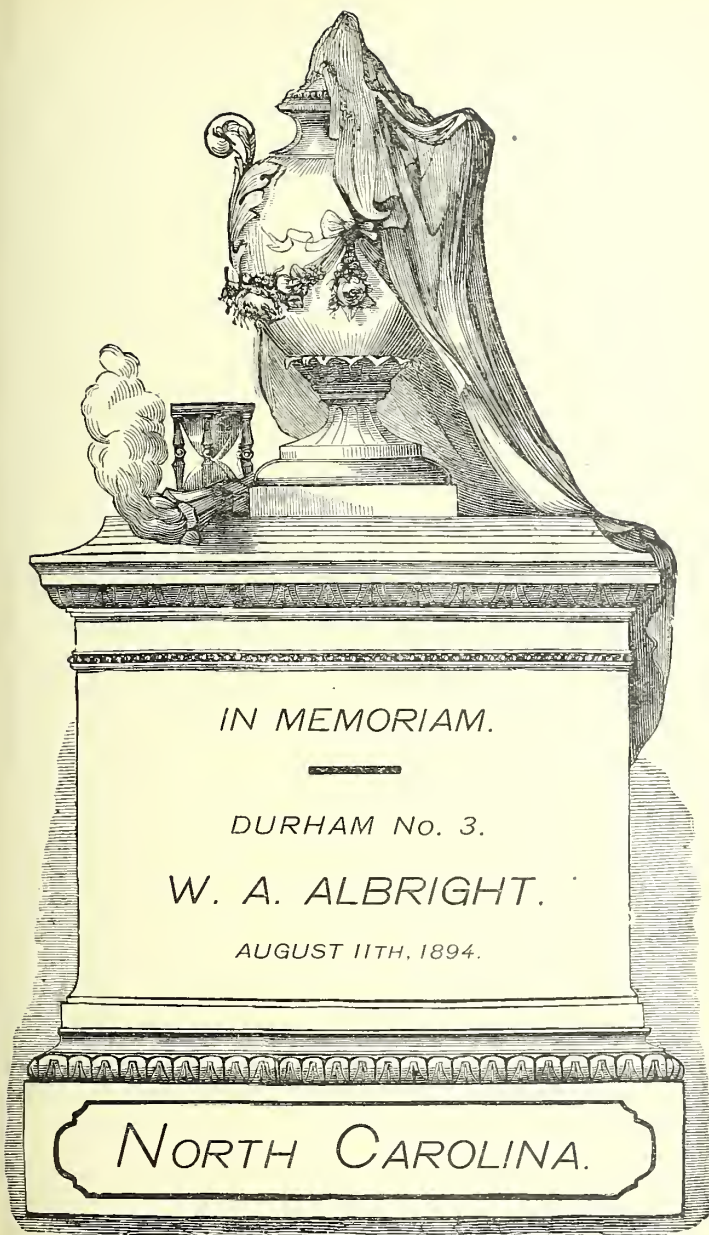
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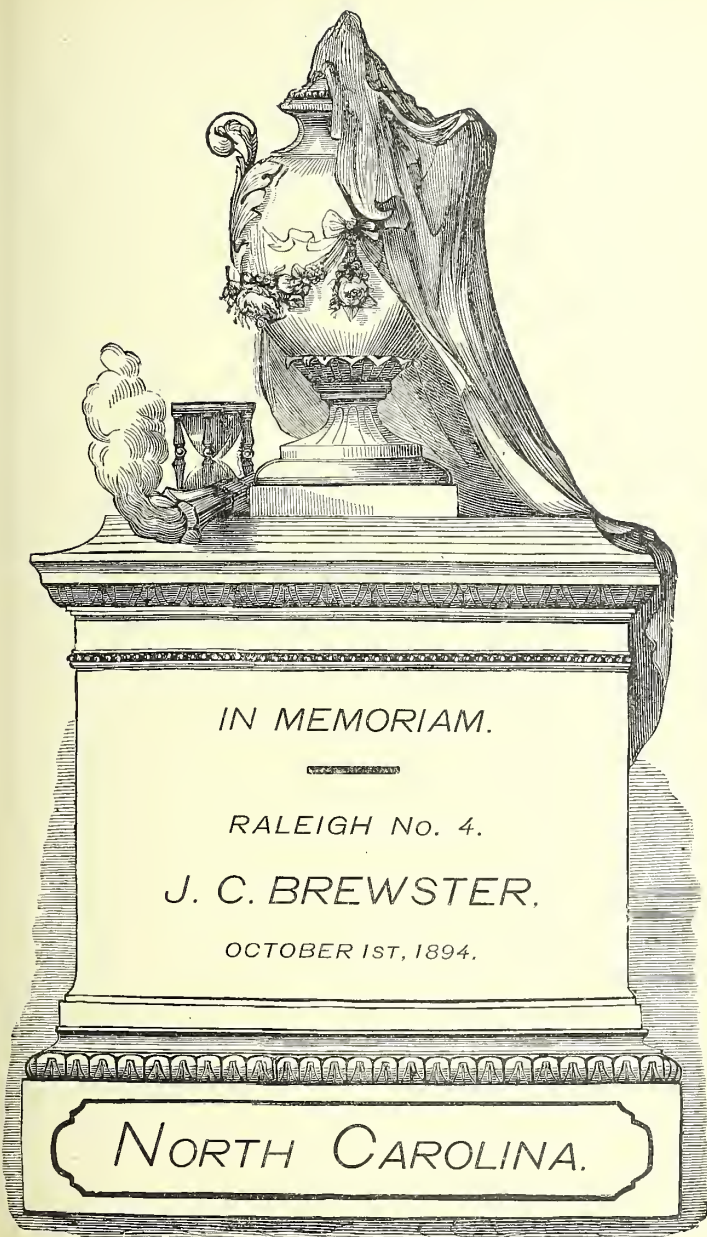
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J. W. WADSWORTH.

MARCH 3RD, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.





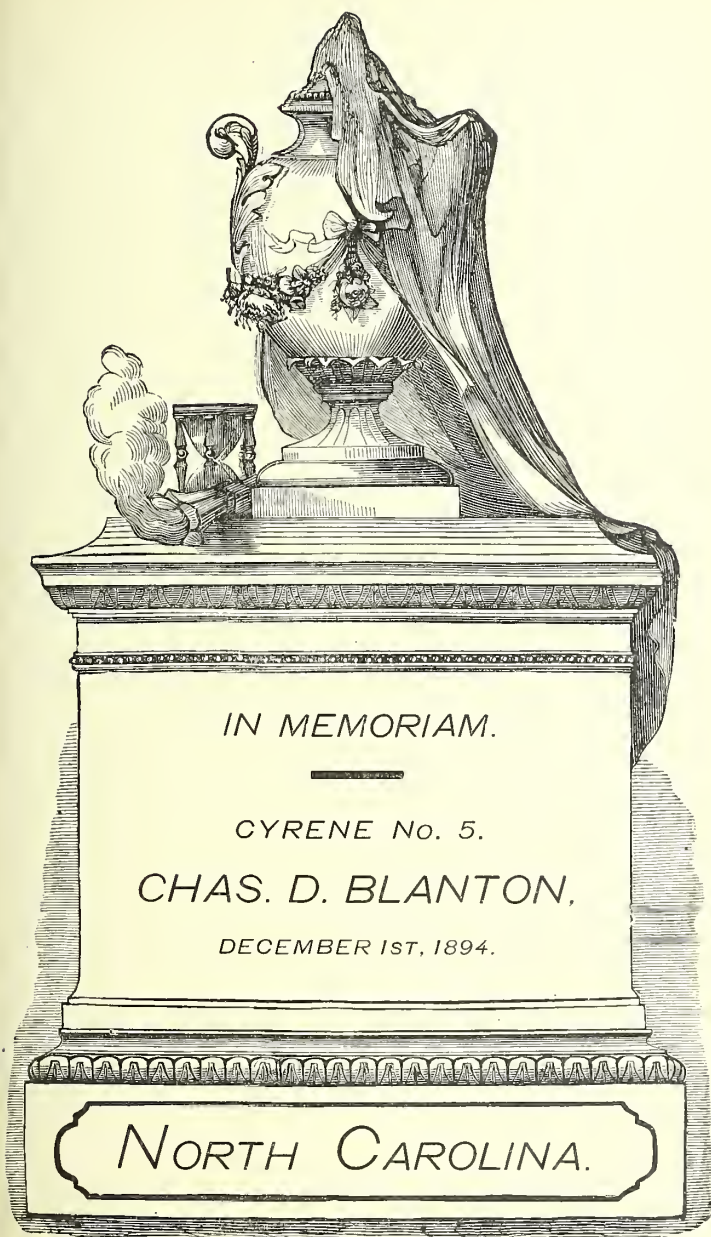
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RALEIGH No. 4.

J. C. BREWSTER.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1894.

NORTH CAROLINA.



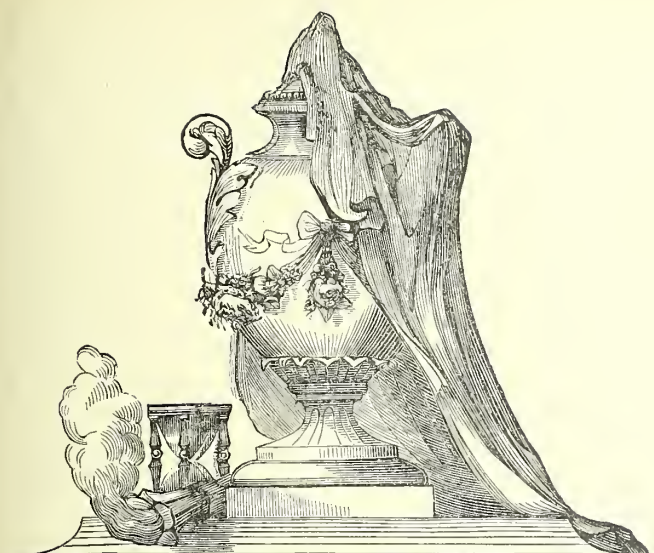
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CYRENE No. 5.

CHAS. D. BLANTON,

DECEMBER 1ST, 1894.

NORTH CAROLINA.



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MOUNT LEBANON No. 7.

JAMES E. CLARK,

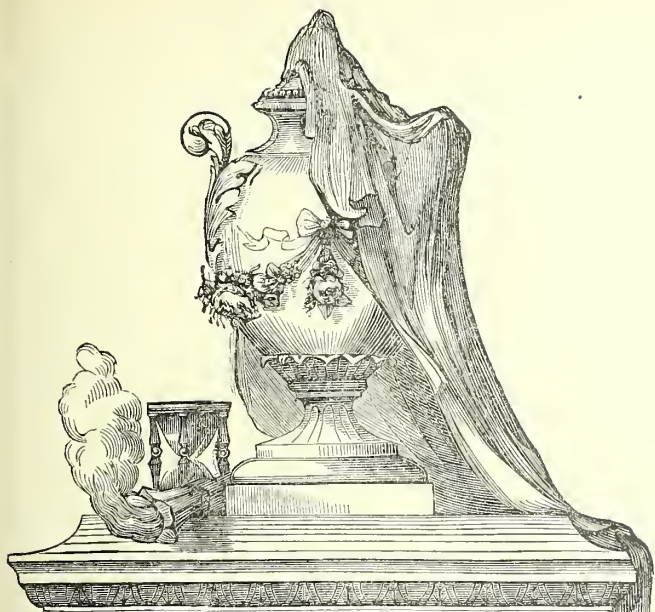
APRIL 29TH, 1894.

S. M. WARREN.

DECEMBER 1ST, 1894.

NORTH CAROLINA.





IN MEMORIAM.

ST. GEORGE No. 9.

GEO. B. WRIGHT.

SEPTEMBER, 1894.

NORTH CAROLINA.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA:

We present for your consideration our second Report on Correspondence. Leaving until the conclusion everything of a general nature, also the list of the Jurisdictions reviewed, we will begin with the head of the line, which is,

ALABAMA.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Birmingham, May 9th, 1895.

SIR CHARLES WHEELOCK, R. E. Grand Commander.

All but two of the Grand Officers present, and all of the subordinate Commanderies represented. Also a large number of past officers and representatives from fifteen Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address is quite brief, when the various general orders are eliminated. Fraternal dead receive appropriate mention, our late Frater Lanipman being honored with notice. Issued a dispensation to reorganize a Commandery whose charter had been suspended, also issued five to permit balloting on petitions without waiting the statutory time. The Sir Knights were invited to join in the Christmas Toast, but we fail to find any mention of their having done so. Officially visited six of the ten Commanderies and is well pleased with their prospects. Announces that the reports of the Grand Officers are satisfactory and that "good fellowship and unanimity reign within our borders."

The Grand Officers make due report of their visitations, in which the customary banquet plays an important part.

The Grand Treasurer owns up to having \$535 on hand, a goodly increase during the year. Mention is made of a telegram of Knightly greeting from the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, then in session, and a suitable reply was ordered sent. The four principal officers and the Grand Recorder were made a committee to arrange for the Grand Commandery's attendance at the coming Triennial Conclave, and \$400 was placed at their disposal. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted and the Grand Recorder directed to send copies to the several Grand Commanderies in the United States, and "ask their co-operation in making the resolution effective":

"WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Alabama remembers with sorrow that the Cross, the symbol of our faith, was displayed on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in Denver in 1892 and other Conclaves; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery of Alabama earnestly petition Grand Master Hugh McCurdy to use his influence to prevent the unseemly use of the Cross at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston.

"*Resolved 2*, That these resolutions be sent to the M. E. Grand Master by the E. E. Grand Commander of Alabama, together with such memorial letter, going to emphasize the sentiments of this Grand Commandery, as he may deem expedient."

An appropriation was made to provide portraits of two Past Grand Commanders for the next annual proceedings.

As was the case last year, the "Afterwards" was apparently a very important part of the occasion. An excursion to the Thomas and Ensley furnaces was first on the programme. They had refreshments for the *inner* man, decorations for the *outer* man, and "after a run through the furnaces at both places, the party returned to the city, tired but happy." They had the ladies along this time, but nothing is said about the "sisters." Public devotional exercises, an eloquent address by the Grand Prelate and the banquet occupied attention in the evening, and "next year we go to Mobile—may our Heavenly Father spare us all and permit us to again meet and greet each other." Alas for the uncertainty of human life! The chronicler of these pleasant episodes has received his summons home and we are pained to announce the death of Grand Recorder Hastings, which took place on the 21st of last December, at his home in Montgomery. Peace to his ashes.

Sir George F. Moore serves up a delightful dish of Correspondence, it being his sixth report. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, filling sixty-eight pages, in which no extracts appear and hardly any quotations. He considers it necessary to repeat his reasons for adopting this particular style of report. We are glad to see him stick to what he deems best adapted to the local conditions, and the quality of the matter certainly compensates for any presumed fault in the form.

Under Arkansas he makes fun of the reports of some of the Grand Representatives and says, "what a roaring farce is this system of Grand Representatives."

Under Montana we get an explanation of the "*sister*" episode at the barbecue last year. The Grand Recorder wrote *visitors* and the wicked printer transformed it into *sisters*. Perhaps Brother Hastings wrote it just after his return from the barbecue and being full, presumably, of the exhilarating mountain air the writing may be more at fault than the printer, though they are sad rogues, as we all do know.

North Carolina for 1893 gets brief mention. While hoping that our numbers will increase he says a good word for our "*quality*." Thanks! The printer, or poor handwriting, has been playing havoc with some

esteemed Alabama names, which we trust will not happen again. We regret not being able to draw more liberally upon the store of good things contained in Brother Moore's report but we also have our limitations as regards space and must desist.

Ten Commanderies, 368 Knights; gain 11.

Sir Charles Wheelock, Birmingham, Grand Commander, (re-elected.)

Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir George F. Moore, Montgomery, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Mobile, May 8th, 1895.

ARKANSAS.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Little Rock, April 17th, 1894.

SIR SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers were in attendance, but three Commanderies were not represented. A baker's dozen of Grand Representatives were on hand, but North Carolina's failed to materialize. The Grand Commander notes that he is the only one present of the number that assisted in forming the Grand Commandery twenty-two years ago, and that "nearly all have passed the gate where Death stands warder." The year has been one of hardship and disappointment, but the Commanderies have been alive and a few of them have done considerable work. The long delayed Ritual is credited with being the principal cause of the inactivity. He does not consider the new one any improvement upon the one he was knighted under, some forty years ago, but hopes that it will remain unchanged. Extended notice is accorded Past Grand Commanders Logan H. Roots and Philip D. McCulloch, who ended their earthly pilgrimage during the year. Was able to make but one visitation and the only dispensations were to permit balloting out of time. A Commandery asking for a dispensation to permit turning out in uniform, to attend Ascension Day services, were told that

"The occasion being a Masonic and proper one, within the meaning of the Edicts of this Grand Commandery, they needed no dispensation, but if they thought they did to accept that decision as such."

The Grand Treasurer reports \$338 on hand, which amount is about one-fifth less than he started the year with.

The Committee on Appeals report that their appointment "has come to be more a matter of form than necessity," which indicates a harmonious state of affairs. A forfeited charter was ordered restored, if the delinquent Commandery complied with certain conditions.

A committee was appointed to secure headquarters at Boston and make the necessary arrangements for the pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery

to the Triennial, which looks as though Arkansas was going to make a raid on "the land of beans and culture." Wonder if they will take along a catfish to compete with the famous and historic cod?

Grant's tactics adopted. Twenty dollars appropriated for the benefit of the Grand Captain of the Guard and "a sufficient sum to defray the running expenses of the Grand Recorder's office." Considerable leeway in the last, but the treasury is not plethoric enough to induce him to run away with the whole. Nothing said about anything for the poor correspondent, whose effort is worth far more than his hire, even if he got the half of their assets.

Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Fred. J. H. Rickon, who fills seventy-eight pages with a very readable review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies. This is his second effort and it goes without saying that it is an improvement on his first. He is not adverse to quoting when he sees a good thing, or can the better illustrate the line of thought of the other correspondents. The printer has made sad havoc with some of the proper names. Jones for Innes is about as bad as Rosenstein for Rosenbaum, or anything that has been perpetrated in our own jurisdiction. Under Mississippi he says that it is a pity that no inspections were made during the year, and expresses his opinion that

"Nothing strengthens and helps build up the Order more than the pleasant intercourse and fraternal instruction received in the course of visits of Grand Officers."

We quote the following from his review of New York :

"Personally the writer would like to see the organic law amended so as to make membership in the Commandery co-existent with that in the Lodge and Chapter, for we do not believe in the use of these bodies as mere stepping stones."

North Carolina for 1893 receives its proportion of space and he closes thus :

"A short report on Correspondence from the pen of Sir George W. Blount closes the volume of proceedings. He says that North Carolina 'is done up' in about twenty-five lines, but you have certainly retaliated, Sir George, by getting through Arkansas with half that number. However, we hope to see a fuller report next year."

From Wisconsin he quotes as follows : "Two of the Grand Representatives indulged in the pernicious practice of making reports, thus setting a bad example to the other similar ornaments of the Grand Commandery."

He is not ashamed to champion his cause, as is evidenced in his reply :

"The writer being one of the two referred to, is of the opinion that the system, not the individual, is at fault. To offer fraternal greetings on the occasion of an annual meeting seems the proper thing for a Representative to do, if the title means anything, and if it does not, which seems to be generally the case, why not abolish the representative system altogether."

He calls our Horace, *Hiram*, which will never do. Hiram was a mighty

good fellow, but our Grand Recorder is a son of a Mun, who is very particular about having his own patronymic and bears no good will to those who despoil him of it.

Eleven Commanderies, 497 Knights; gain 29.

Sir William M. Mellette, Fort Smith, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Fred. J. H. Rickon, Little Rock, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Pine Bluff, April 16th, 1895.

CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. San Francisco, April 19th, 1894.

SIR WILLIAM VANDERHURST, R. E. Grand Commander.

Only one Grand Officer failed to respond at roll call, and all but one of the subordinate Commanderies were represented. Thirty Grand Jurisdictions were represented, but it only required *seventeen* Sir Knights, as one held five commissions, one four, one three and four two each. North Carolina's fraction was on hand. The honor of being a Grand Representative must be a nominal one when *twenty* commissions are held by *seven* representatives, or, perhaps, it is considered a great honor, and is evidence of a "*pull*" on the part of the possessors.

The Grand Commander's address is a well written and interesting document and indicates that he has been fully alive to the responsibilities of his high office. He gathers satisfaction from the fact that

"Fortune has cast our lot in one of the grandest States of our Union, a State of undoubted capabilities and unknown possibilities, and blessed with every requisite necessary to support a population far larger than we now have."

That's all right, and we reckon that it would fit the "Old North State" equally as well. The past year has been one of blessings and mercies, and Knights Templar should be thankful that they are permitted to live in this age of religious liberty. He speaks with no uncertain sound on a vital question and we quote at length:

"If our Order ever assumes that dignity of place which belongs to it, it will be because its members recognize their individual responsibility to the entire Order, and so conduct themselves as not to degrade it. In this connection, I desire to allude to that portion of the address of my predecessor referring to 'overindulgence in the intoxicating cup,' which has my unqualified endorsement and should have that of every member of our Order."

He says that there seems to be a strong inclination to curtail the use of wine on festal occasions, and asks for still further efforts in that direction.

Considers it his duty, although a very unpleasant one, to dwell upon this delicate but important subject.

One Commandery was chartered during the year. Issued thirteen dispensations, about equally divided between the usual requests for shortening the time previous to balloting upon petitions, public appearances in uniform, to fill vacancies in office and install out of time.

Fraternal dead come in for extended notice, Sir Hezekiah Lord Hosmer, E. Grand Prelate, being the most prominent deceased frater in their own jurisdiction. Official visitation is fully believed in, which is made manifest in his having visited twenty-eight of the thirty-three Commanderies during the year. The several Commanderies are reported as being generally in "good condition and zealous in their work." Complaint is made that the Inspectors "are in many instances handicapped in the execution of their duties from the fact that they are not supplied with the Ritual," and he very pertinently asks how they are to know when the work is properly rendered if they do not have it. Decisions few and of no particular interest. Inspecting Officer's reports are very full and generally satisfactory, the banquets particularly so.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$3,465 on hand, about the same as he began the year with.

V. E. Sir Reuben Hedley Lord, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was received with the honors due his rank and made an appropriate response.

The following question was sprung upon the Conclave and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who did not feel able to tackle it, and had it referred to their successors.

"Is it *right* for a Commandery to use its funds to defray the expenses of a series of dancing parties termed 'Socials,' to be participated in by members and their families?"

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir William A. Davies and he fills 143 pages of fine type with an exceedingly well written and interesting review of the proceedings of the Templar Grand Bodies in the United States, as well as Canada and England and Wales. He gives North Carolina for 1893 a good share of attention. Thinks that the reports of the Grand Officers do not show any evidence of a "too rapid" progress. We are quite conservative down this way, and our State is very sparsely settled, with no very large centers of population, all of which tends to retard numerical growth. Munson's banquet effusion is deemed worthy of quotation, and some pithy sayings of Frater Blount under the head of the various States are culled out, but note is made of his failure to give any "report of the legislation of any of the Grand Bodies, and to express any opinion upon the questions of the day, in his own or other jurisdictions."

There is so much that we would like to quote from this review, and the

space at our command is so limited, that we are just discouraged, and leave him with the hope that actual experience will convince him that he will *not* "have to get permission to eat beans in Boston."

Thirty-four Commanderies, 1,819 Knights; gain 34.

Sir Frank W. Sumner, San Francisco, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir William A. Davies, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, San Francisco, April 18th, 1895.

CANADA.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Toronto, September 4th, 1894.

SIR E. E. SHEPPARD, Supreme Grand Master.

Seven Grand Officers failed to appear, but only two of the thirty-three Preceptories were unrepresented. The Sovereign Great Priory, as it is styled, is quite a large body, the Committee on Credentials reporting that 337 Sir Knights were entitled to seats at this session, but apparently many failed to attend, as the total vote cast was only 127.

The Grand Master's address is an able and high toned paper. Progress and prosperity are in the ascendant and harmony has prevailed. Only one decision called for and that related to territorial jurisdiction. Two prominent fraters have been removed by death and their absence is feelingly alluded to. He evidently has a kindly feeling for the fraters on this side of the border and we quote:

"I am pleased to see in the many reports for 1894 sent me from the Grand Commanderies of the various States of the Union many kindly and favorable references to the address of my predecessor, Most Excellent Past Grand Master Malone. It is also with particular pleasure that this Great Priory is welcome to Damascus Commandery No. 42 of Detroit, who this afternoon intend to pay us a fraternal visit. It is the first time a United States Commandery has ever paid a visit to Great Priory, and the interchange of views and the many friendships that will be formed cannot but be pleasant and profitable."

He regrets to say, however, that he has seen extracts from American Masonic papers reflecting on the lack of growth in the Great Priory, and says that while they have not progressed "as fast as many could have wished, it is an entire mistake to say that Great Priory was or is in a semi-dormant state."

He announces that fraternal relations with England and Wales, severed some seven years ago, have been resumed, and expresses the hope that the Scottish Sir Knights in New Brunswick may be induced to surrender their charters and become affiliated with Great Priory.

There has also been some unfriendly criticism on the new Ritnal, which calls forth the following :

"The Ritual appears to give general satisfaction, and it would not be to our credit as intelligent men and Masons if it did not do so, as Great Priory has given to those who clamored for a change the very Ritnal of their own choice, and as those who preferred the old method have cheerfully acquiesced in what has been done, surely we ought to be satisfied and not hunt for imperfections after getting what we asked for, and should cease to be chronic grumblers, unless we find fault from a mere desire to be captious."

All of which is equally applicable on this side of the line.

Recommends that Preceptories have a re-union at least once a year, and hopes that visitations between the neighboring Preceptories will become more frequent, as they aid "in keeping up with the life and energy of the Order." The Grand Master visited nearly all of the Preceptories, which entailed many miles of travel, as he traversed the country from ocean to ocean. Those omitted were the ones nearest home and presumed to be those to whom official visitation was not a rarity. One Preceptory has been organized under a dispensation. An earnest plea is made for maintaining a high standard in the selection of new recruits, and he says:

"Our whole ideal is built on the principle of joining together kindly and similarly constituted men who can shade from the hot sun of adversity those whose gentle impulses can make life beautiful. Into these pleasant and sacred associations it must be apparent to every one that no one should be admitted whose life is unbeautiful, whose impulses are improper, or whose association can be degrading."

The various Provincial Priors present reports that fully sustain the Grand Master's announcement of growth and prosperity.

Cash on hand, by the Grand Treasurer's report, is \$1,262.

The resumption of friendly relations with the National Great Priory of England and Wales was made the occasion of a fraternal resolution, and another resolution was adopted, extending a cordial invitation to the Scottish Knights Templar in New Brunswick to cut loose from the "land o' cakes" and come into the Canadian fold.

Damascus Commandery of Detroit was received and appropriately welcomed, and in the evening the officers of this Commandery exemplified the Red Cross Degree, which called forth an exceedingly complimentary resolution of thanks.

Grand Master Sheppard was unanimously re-elected. Portraits of the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters Moore, Henderson and Robertson embellish the proceedings. Tablets also appear to the memory of Past Grand Provincial Priors James Greenfield and John A. Angel, who were called hence the past year.

Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Henry Robertson. He is styled Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but the *Foreign* does not appear in the report. He fills seventy-one pages with an

interesting review of the doings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, some of them having a two year portion. The report is very largely extracts and contains but little comment. His stock of historical knowledge has been increased by the discovery that the Templars had discovered San Diego Bay, as witnessed by the dispensation issued to a California Commandery permitting them to appear in full uniform on the celebration of the 350th anniversary of discovery. North Carolina for 1894 receives brief mention.

Thirty-three Preceptories, 1,273 Knights; gain 157.

Sir E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Ont., Supreme Grand Master, (re-elected.)

Sir Daniel Spy, Barrie, Ont., Grand Chancellor, (re-elected.)

Sir Henry Robertsou, Collingwood, Ont., Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Assembly, St. John, New Brunswick, August 23rd, 1895.

COLORADO,

NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Denver, June 5th, 1894.

SIR ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY, R. E. Grand Commander.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Brown Palace Hotel and were escorted by Colorado Commandery No. 1 to its Asylum, where the Conclave was held. All but three of the Grand Officers were present, and twenty of the twenty-four Commanderies were represented. Fifteen Grand Representatives were introduced and welcomed, but North Carolina's was not among them. Washouts on the railroads caused by recent heavy rains reduced the attendance.

The Grand Commander's address gives a succinct account of the year's doings. The reaction following the Triennial and the general business depression tended to diminish the growth of the subordinate bodies

"The closing of the mines in some of our silver producing counties has had a very depressing effect upon the membership of a number of our oldest and best Commanderies. Their Sir Knights have become dispersed until it is difficult for many of them to hold their regular Conclaves, and no work has presented itself. They have all done their best, however, and let us trust that they may soon find that the cloud that now overhangs them has a silver lining and that ere many days prosperity and progress will be the reward for their labors."

From this it would appear that the "*silver question*" was a vital issue with them, but the "*silver lining*" ought to be easily provided when all they have to do is to dig it out of the ground. We expect that the plaint in next year's proceedings from this section will be "*five cent cotton*," and it will then be in order for our Frater to tell us that we can line *our cloud* by raising more corn and less cotton.

Fraternal dead are briefly noticed, the Grand Commandery having been spared any visitation the past year. Decisions not detailed, as they were all answered by reference to the statutes. We learn that "there is nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery of this State that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a bar in his hotel."

Also, according to the statutes, the several Christian holy days can be observed by appearing in uniform without dispensation. We would like to know how they get around the law of the Grand Encampment, as laid down in Title XII, Section 31, which prohibits Commanderies appearing in public without permission of the Grand Commander, except on funeral occasions. We are in thorough accord with the sentiment that he expresses in that connection, as follows:

"I find that the custom of holding religious services upon one or more of these days is steadily growing in favor, and to my mind cannot be too strongly commended. It is certainly in accord with the spirit and teachings of our Order, and one of these days at least should be observed each year, either in the Asylum or at some place of worship."

The laws were amended so that the Ascension Day services could be held if desired on the preceding or following Sunday. The Christmas Toast was observed by eleven Commanderies, Easter by seven and Ascension Day by four. Thirteen Commanderies were officially visited. In closing he pays a glowing tribute to "Old Ed," the Grand Recorder. If he is as good fellow, and we have no doubt he is, as our "Horace" he well deserves all that can be said in his favor.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$3,723 as the cash on hand, which is quite a shrinkage from last year's account, but we presume that they have been paying some Triennial bills.

Sir Harper M. Orahood, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, was formally introduced and received, and responded in appropriate terms.

A Committee on the Triennial was appointed and \$500 placed at their disposal. Various other appropriations were made, but we see no mention of anything for the Committee on Correspondence. A jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Commander.

Sir Harper M. Orahood presents the Report on Correspondence. We suppose he is an old hand at the work, although he gives us no intimation in regard to the number of reports he has prepared. Perhaps he is like the maiden of doubtful and uncertain age, who is noncommittal on the matter until she arrives at an age where the true figures are worthy of being bragged about. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine jurisdictions, but as he quotes much and comments little we are unable to draw on him to any great extent. North Carolina for 1893 has brief mention. He announces Sir Knight Blount's final retirement and wishes him "God-speed." In closing he says:

"The general prosperity of the Order everywhere, noted in our last

report, still continues. Here and there a note of hard times and financial depression comes up, and we can truly say that we have cause to know what this means. But we are on the road to recovery and have no time to complain; we are too busy in our efforts to regain what we have lost to take time to count our losses or to blame any one for the cause."

We trust that his fond hopes have been realized, but we are sorry to say that this section is not very far advanced on the "road to recovery."

Twenty-four Commanderies, 1,626 Knights; gain 43.

Sir William D. Todd, Denver, Grand Commander.

Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Harper M. Orahood, Denver, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence."

Next Conclave, Denver, September 20th, 1895.

CONNECTICUT.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Danbury, March 20th, 1894.

SIR JAMES B. WILDMAN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers all present and all of the Commanderies represented. Sixteen Past Grand Commanders were also present and twenty-five Grand Representatives, including North Carolina's.

The Grand Commander's address details his official actions. Fraternal dead receive extended notice, but he is pleased to note that no Grand Officers, present or past, have been called hence during the year.

Twenty dispensations were issued, the greater number being to permit conferring the Orders on more than one candidate the same night. Three were issued to permit balloting without waiting the required time, and in one case the two candidates were to be used to exemplify the work in the presence of the Grand Officers. It would appear that they were guarding against any mishap by providing two. Official visitations were made to nine of the Commanderies, which were universally found in prosperous and creditable condition. We also note that the banquet played an important part. It does beat all how much good fellowship there is in eating and drinking. The Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Captain General report having visited the Commanderies omitted by the Grand Commander. Balance in the treasury \$758. An appropriation of \$300 was made for headquarters at the Triennial. A resolution was adopted providing for a Grand Inspector, who shall visit and inspect each Commandery once a year, the term of office to be five years.

On the night preceding the opening of the Conclave the usual reception was held in the Asylum of Crusader Commandery No. 10 and the Order of the Temple was conferred, followed by refreshment and entertainment. Sir Knight Hubbard, Prelate of Crusader Commandery, read a feeling poetic tribute to the memory of Sir James M. Bailey, who, as the "Danbury

News Mau," enjoyed considerable prominence as a humorist some years ago.

"The cynics sneer
And say his fame will die, his gentle wit
Was all of common things. Well, be it so.
But many hearts and homes were brighter made
Because he lived and loved and laughed and wrote."

Fine steel engraved portraits of Grand Commander Wildman, Past Grand Commanders H. Wales LIVES, Nathan Dikeman and Nelson J. Welton grace the proceedings, the three last named being also the subjects of biographical sketches. There is also a portrait of Sir George W. Walgrove, Past Grand Commander of New York, lately deceased, who was Connecticut's Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of his State.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, filling sixty-six pages with apt quotation and sparkling comment. He gives us only about two-thirds as much as he gave last year, and with deep regret we announce it as his last work of the kind, for we have just learned that he departed this life on the tenth of October.

North Carolina for 1893 is quoted from liberally and the following appears in reference to the statement in his last report that we had no Report on Correspondence in our 1892 proceedings.

"By comparison with the quotation from the opening of his report for the year, [Sir Knight Blount's,] we find that we were not alone in our conclusion, that there was no report on fraternal relations. We offer our apology for overlooking it, and return our grateful acknowledgements for the pleasant things said of Connecticut. As this is the last time we shall hear from him in the capacity of Reporter, we quote his farewell."

We regret that we cannot quote extensively from this entertaining report and it is with deeper regret that we lay it aside, realizing that the kindly criticism and poetic sentiments of our beloved Frater will appear no more for our entertainment and instruction.

Eleven Commanderies, 2,099 Knights; gain 70.

Sir G. Herrick Wilson, Meriden, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, (ré-elected,) and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Meriden, March 19th, 1895.

GEORGIA.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Atlanta, May 9th, 1894

SIR WASHINGTON P. BALDWIN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Two Grand Officers failed to appear, but all of the Commanderies were represented. The Grand Representative of North Carolina does not appear among the nineteen present.

The Grand Commander's address traverses the usual ground. A feeling tribute is paid to the memory of past Grand Commanders George W. McElhaney and Charles R. Armstrong, also to Sir John S. Davidson, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Georgia. An encouraging state of affairs is shown by the following:

"Our Order is in a healthy condition, and while we are not making much progress in all respects, yet I think that we are to be congratulated upon our growth. All of the Commanderies report more or less work having been done, and our numbers have been increased and many true and worthy members have been added to our number and more in sight."

Of the six dispensations granted, three were to permit balloting on petitions before the required time had elapsed. He has this sensible observation on the subject:

"While we all deplore this practice of asking dispensation to have the ballots before the legal time has elapsed, yet I cannot see that any real harm will come to our Order if we will all be vigilant and guard well the doors of our Asylums. Yet it certainly cannot work a hardship upon any one to require him to wait until ample time has been given to investigate his character and fitness. While we are anxious to add worthy men to our Order, we should be careful lest our zeal outstrips our discretion."

One new Commandery was formed under dispensation. He declined to order a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery to act as escort to the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the funeral of Grand Master Davidson, knowing of no precedent for such action. A perusal of the proceedings of the Sister Jurisdictions would show that such appearances of the Grand Commanderies have not been at all infrequent.

Seven Commanderies were officially visited and he says to the officers and members that,

"If they will devote about ten minutes at each meeting in practice and rehearsing their duties they will not look upon the official visit with disfavor and never have reason to apologize for their awkwardness."

Reckon he found about the same state of affairs that exists in some other Jurisdictions. The remaining Commanderies were visited by the Deputy Grand Commander. The Grand Commander recommends that each Commander be required to always open his Commandery in full form. He has a good word for the "worthy foreign correspondent, Sir Roland B. Hall," whom we have always supposed was a native. His report is commended, "for in it we find what is being done by other Grand Commanderies, and we are able to compare ourselves with others and thus make advances."

His closing admonition is well worthy of quotation:

"Permit me to call the attention of our members to our solemn vows. Let each Commander carefully read his vow of office—a vow assumed voluntarily before his installation. Having refreshed their memories with these solemn reflections let them so walk that each Sir Knight, walking in the footsteps of their Commanders, will have no fear of ever bringing reproach on this Christian Order."

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$478. The Commandery under dispensation was granted a charter.

Public religious services were held in the evening in one of the city churches. A very eloquent and beautiful address on "Truth" was delivered by Past Eminent Commander Sir William A. Davis, of Macon.

An appropriation of \$500 was made to defray the expense of headquarters at the coming Triennial, and the "Line of Knights," as they say in Maryland, were made a Committee of Arrangements. Fine phototypes of Past Grand Commanders W. J. Pollard and Thos. Hardeman and several elaborate memorial pages embellish the volume.

Sir Roland B. Hall submits the Report on Correspondence, which fills some sixty odd pages with an interesting review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Jurisdictions. He does not announce it, but we believe that this is his sixth effort in this line. North Carolina for 1893 has due mention and we clip the following reference to our highly esteemed predecessor:

"The report thereon is again by the pen of Sir George W. Blount, who positively asserts it as his last. Sir Blount is a deep thinker and an excellent writer, and his loss to the mutuals will be felt by them as well as his State."

We find nothing to join issue on, in Frater Hall's report, and cordially concur in his leave taking, which we append:

"To our own beloved Fraters who have honored us in the past, and to our kind and generous co-laborers who have passed our imperfections by, we extend thanks and a fond adieu. May we *all* meet again."

Ten Commanderies, 647 Knights; gain 50.

Sir Park Woodward, Atlanta, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Roland B. Hall, Macon, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Savannah, April 17th, 1895.

ILLINOIS.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Chicago, October 23rd, 1894.

SIR HARVEY M. HALL, R. E. Grand Commander.

The proceedings make the usual bulky volume of over 300 pages.

Grand Officers all present but one, with the Representatives of sixty-one of the sixty-four Commanderies. There was also a large attendance of Past Officers, and twenty eight Grand Representatives including North Carolina's. The Grand Commander's address is a well written review of his doings for the year, and the padding of correspondence and orders increase its length very materially. He says that the year has been one of

reasonable prosperity, that harmony prevails and peaceful relations exist with all but one of the Sister Jurisdictions. Death has spared the Grand Commandery during the year, but brief notices show that the other Jurisdictions have not been so fortunate. Somebody has been juggling with the type apparently, for the name of Indiana's lamented Frater Peden would not be recognized by his most intimate friend, and *Sims* for *Linus* in the name of New York's Past Grand Commander gives a hard name to somebody's chirography, unless it can be laid to that universal scape-goat, the typo. Ill health prevented many official visitations. The success and good management of the Orphans' Home call forth words of commendation and a liberal donation is bespoken. Seven dispensations were issued to permit balloting on twelve petitions before the statutory time had elapsed, all "for good and sufficient reasons," and eight were issued to permit public appearance in uniform.

Decisions of little importance, excepting one in reference to life membership in a Commandery gained by paying dues continuously for twenty years. This had been sanctioned by the Grand Commandery laws, but the last Conclave of the Grand Encampment decided that the law was invalid. A General Order was sent out reciting the law and calling for its observance. A General Order was issued permitting Commanderies to appear in uniform on Easter and Ascension Day. Forty-five Commanderies observed the first named day, and two the latter. The Commandery chartered at the last Conclave was duly instituted. The Grand Commandery convened on July 4th to escort the Grand Lodge on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Exposition building at the State Fair Grounds. Apparently the Grand Commander was not afraid of doing something that was unheard of, as was the case with our Georgia Frater when requested to convene the Grand Commandery for a like purpose. On account of the railroad strikes only two Commanderies were able to appear on this occasion.

Two Encampments were held and their success is considered as demonstrating beyond a doubt that they are important factors of growth and prosperity.

"The average Knight Templar does not take kindly to military drill when at home and engaged in his business pursuits; but when you get him away from his business cares in one of these camps, with military surroundings and martial music, he takes to these matters kindly, and soon becomes proficient in the simpler evolutions of our tactics."

There is a little unpleasantness with California on account of the Orders having been conferred on a Companion who was rejected in Illinois some seven years ago, no waiver of jurisdiction having been asked for. The matter is now in the hands of the Grand Encampment, where we will leave it, echoing the Grand Commander's hope "that it will be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and for the good of the Order."

Inspection by the Grand Officers has been more thorough and effective

than usual the past year, and the advisability of continuing a system of rigid inspection is strongly commended. A plea is made for greater proficiency in military movements and the use of the sword, as being absolutely essential in conferring the Orders and the opening and closing ceremonies. The practice of opening and closing in the shortest possible manner is also forcibly condemned, and nothing but the most urgent necessity should sanction the use of the short form. Rotation in office is also condemned as a damaging practice, and we cordially endorse the following:

"When a Sir Knight is elected or appointed to an office, and fails to attend the Conclaves of the Commandery, or to learn and perform the duties of his office, he should be promptly turned down at the following election of officers."

Dispensations were issued to form two new Commanderies. Very full reports of the Grand Officers acting as inspectors were presented and are generally of an encouraging nature. The Grand Treasurer reports his cash in hand as being \$7,662, a goodly increase during the year.

A report from Sir Julian S. Carr, Grand Representative of Illinois near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, was read by the Recorder. We hope that his next report will chronicle his attendance on the Conclave of his own Grand Commandery, after a rest of a half dozen years at the very least. The Committee on Templar Dead present an extensive report eulogizing in tender and poetic terms the fraternal dead of Sister Jurisdictions, our Frater Lampman being appropriately mentioned.

Sir Hugh McCurdy, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was received officially and delivered an eloquent address. The Grand Encampment was also represented by Grand Prelate McGrath, Grand Senior Warden Moulton and Past Grand Recorder Parvin, all of whom were introduced and made appropriate responses. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely on the request of Chicago Commandery to have the privilege of giving life membership upon the payment of dues for a certain number of years, saying that it was attempting to engraft upon the law of the Grand Encampment conditions that had been rejected, and that while this law remained in its present form they could not approve by-laws that came in conflict with it. The report was adopted and life membership gets a quietus until the Grand Encampment gets a chance to modify the present law, which meets with a great deal of disfavor in certain Jurisdictions.

We are obliged to dissent from the conclusions of the committee as expressed in the following part of their report:

"From experience and observation your committee is unanimous in the belief that the practice of creating 'life members' is fraught with evil. A class is thereby created among the members which, while retaining full power to vote a disbursement of the funds, is exempt from all liability to contribute to the same. A condition of affairs would in time arise when the amount of dues collected from the younger members would not be

sufficient to pay dues to the Grand Commandery, and the necessary rent and expenses. Such a condition, it is needless to say, would be fatal to all healthy life and growth. Prudence would therefore dictate that the creation of life members, exempt from dues, as the resolution says, without a 'money consideration,' should be very strictly guarded, if, indeed, not made impossible."

These objections would have more weight if life was unending, but we imagine that due investigation would show that a comparatively small percentage of the membership would ever be able to avail themselves of the life membership conditions and the resulting tenure would be short. It would not be within the bounds of possibility that they would ever have sufficient strength to disburse any funds for objects that would not be approved by the paying membership, and it might with propriety be held that they had certain right in the accumulated funds of the organization, to which they had contributed their portion. The whole matter is, however, one which we think should be left to the Commanderies themselves and we trust that the Grand Encampment will so decide at the coming Triennial, and give each subordinate "the right to regulate its own financial and domestic affairs."

The Report on Correspondence would make a volume by itself, as it contains 154 pages, in which the proceedings of all of the Grand Bodies are reviewed in Sir Knight John Corson Smith's best vein. Illinois comes in for over forty pages, which is devoted to the third number of his historical series, the present one being entitled "The Illustrious Order of Hospitalers and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem." It is lavishly illustrated with fine phototypes, the originals being photographs taken by our Frater's talented daughter. We regret that we have space only to say that North Carolina for 1894 gets particularly courteous and personal mention, for which the writer returns his thanks. Our Frater left on another "globe trotting" expedition early in December, but expects to get back in time for the Triennial, where we hope to have the pleasure of meeting him. We are certain that the Craft "wherever dispersed" will cordially respond to the desire of his good wife for "the best wishes and prayers of his Templar friends to accompany him."

Sixty-five Commanderies, 9,109 Knights; gain 82

Sir Henry H. Montgomery, Carrollton, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir John Corson Smith, Chicago, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Chicago, October 22nd, 1895.

INDIANA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Indianapolis, April 18th, 1894.

SIR SIMEON S. JOHNSON, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers present with a large number of Past Grand

Officers and Representatives from all of the Commanderies; also nineteen Grand Representatives, the one holding the commission from North Carolina not being included.

The Grand Commander's address is quite long, giving a full account of his official actions. Fraternal dead of his own and other Jurisdictions receive particular mention; among the former being Sir Reuben Peden, Past Grand Commander, who was run over by a railroad train and instantly killed.

"He was a man who did no wrong; he was a man who thought no evil. He walked down through and out of the fiery furnace of life, unscathed by the flames of its passions, untouched by the breath of its scandal. He led the simple tenor of his way with such quiet sweetness of manner, with such gentle grace of mind and person, that it was the privilege of a certain few only, to know, and fully, the rare charm of his modest soul."

He expresses himself as follows in regard to the new Ritual and we are certain that his hope will be concurred in universally:

"So far as our Commanderies and Sir Knights have become proficient in its use, the expressions of its approval have been general, and it is to be hoped that we have now a Ritual that will not need 'mending' for several generations."

Under decisions we find the following:

"A Companion petitioned for the Orders of Knighthood; answered all questions satisfactorily; committee made a report; ballot ordered when a member propounded the question, 'how the Companion could answer the questions as he had.' Eminent Commander then sent a committee to interrogate the petitioner, postponing ballot until the next Conclave. Was the action of the Eminent Commander and Commandery right?"

"No. Candidate had done all that the law required him to do. A Grand or Subordinate Commandery cannot require any additional qualifications for candidates than those 'prescribed in the Constitution and Code of Grand Encampment.' Ballot should have been taken immediately upon the Report of the committee."

Issued four dispensations to attend Ascension Day service in uniform, but thinks that they were not really necessary, believing that

"The meaning and intent of the rules of the Grand Encampment and this Commandery is that Ascension Day services may be held without special permission of the Grand Commander."

We do not see how he squares this with the law referred to in our review of Colorado. Numerous other dispensations were granted, but they were mostly to permit public appearance in uniform on divers and appropriate occasions. Those to ballot out of time were "for good and sufficient reasons," and one was declined for this purpose because the only reason was that the "candidate is desirous of taking the higher degrees in December." The reason was not deemed sufficient and he confesses curiosity as to what the "higher degrees" are. The following expression of views on inspection is good and sound doctrine.

"There has been some criticism in this matter of 'inspection,' as there will always be, I presume, but, in my opinion, this inspection ought to be made by the Grand Officers in person. A large number of our Sir Knights never see an officer of the Grand Commandery; again, the Grand Officers know very little of the Sir Knights and the Subordinate Commanderies, except as they meet the few Knights and read reports of Commanderies at our Annual Conclave. Again, the Grand Officers, in making the inspection of Subordinate Commanderies, would be impressed with the necessity of preparation for such visits, and the efficiency of officers and members would thereby be improved."

Careful consideration of the subject of representation at the Triennial is asked for.

He has been able to make but three official visits, but reports prosperity, harmony and sound finances, with good prospects for the coming year.

The correspondence with New York, relative to the Grand Representative matter, alluded to in our review of New York last year, appears in full.

We are inclined to consider the course pursued by Grand Commander Johnson open to criticism, in his not sending the commission to the New York Grand Commander, and he appears to have been rather dilatory in replying to Grand Commander Gaul's letter, but Indiana is clearly in the right in this unfortunate episode. As the New York participant in the controversy has passed into the "great beyond" we will leave the subject with the hope that it will be the last episode of the kind, and that an early restoration of fraternal relations will soon ensue between these large and influential Grand Bodies.

He considered it necessary, when elected Grand Commander, to surrender his commission as Grand Representative of Georgia, a custom which we do not think is at all common.

In closing he pays a tribute to the Grand Recorder and says that

"Without a good Recorder no Commander can successfully fill the office Commander, and without Sir William H. Smythe your Commander would have had very poor success."

The Grand Treasurer has \$7,239 to his credit. The Triennial Committee report, expressing the opinion that the best way of raising the necessary funds is for the Grand Commandery to appropriate a sufficient amount, and the sum of \$3,000 was eventually devoted to that purpose.

The Grand Commandery did not approve the Grand Commander's decision that a Commandery had no right to try one of its Sir Knights while he was suffering the penalty inflicted by his Lodge, having been suspended for unmasonic conduct. The committee's report, which was adopted, concludes

"That a Templar may be tried and disciplined, in the discretion of his Commandery, for an offence against Templar law, without regard to action of Lodge or Chapter in the same case."

A lengthy tribute appears to the memory of Past Grand Commander Peden.

A resolution was adopted directing the Grand Commander

"To issue an order authorizing Subordinate Commanderies to hold Ascension Day services on the Sunday previous or following Ascension Day, or any day in that week."

Committee on Grievances report that nothing has come before them, and that peace and harmony prevails.

Portraits of the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commander Peden appear in the volume of proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle, who neglects to tell us how many he has written. It shows the mark of no "prentice hand," however, and is one that it would be hard to improve upon. He corralled the whole number (forty) this time and fills 122 pages, including the usual statistics. His introductory is devoted to brief tributes to the memory of four noted correspondents, lately deceased, viz: John H. Brown, Joseph P. Hornor, William P. Innes and George C. Connor.

North Carolina for 1893 receives critical but courteous mention, and we quote his views on one point:

"During the absence of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, August 24th, 1892, issued a dispensation for a Commandery of the 'indispensable number.' at Oxford and on September 20th, 1892, the Grand Generalissimo conferred the Orders on seventeen Royal Arch Masons, *preparatory* to organizing a new Commandery. As the dispensation for this Commandery was not issued until October 4th, 1892, this was clearly an illegal action. A Commandery of the indispensable number cannot be authorized except 'or the purpose of forming a new Commandery.'"

"The report [Correspondence] is presented by Geo. W. Blount with regrets that professional employment forbids him to give to the review that care and attention which it merits. He gives to each Commandery one page of his scratch pad and no more; but succeeds in squeezing in a good share of matter."

We regret that our space does not permit drawing upon Sir Ruckle to a greater extent.

Thirty-six Commanderies, 3,309 Knights; gain 54.

Sir Charles W. Slick, Mishawaka, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Nicholas R. Duke, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Indianapolis, April 17th, 1895.

IOWA.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Templar Park, July 12, 1894.

SIR WASHINGTON I. BABB, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers all reported for duty but only thirty of the fifty-four Commanderies were represented. The Grand Commander's address is

quite long but holds the interest of the reader throughout. With one exception it is entirely free from inflation with general orders, communications and the like, which many times materially increase the length of these annual effusions. The single exception was the official announcement in exceedingly appropriate terms of the death of our brilliant and lamented Frater, Sir George C. Connor, who was Iowa's Representative near the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. Other fraternal dead, at home and abroad, receive due mention. Only two decisions reported, the others being such as were generally answered by reference to the Code and Statutes. It seems a pity that the time of a Grand Commander should be taken up in answering questions that could be easily answered by the parties seeking information, if they would take the trouble to examine the Laws, but they probably think, if they do at all, that it is the Grand Commander's business, and that he should have all the work of the kind there is to be had.

He decides that Templar standing is not affected by becoming non-affiliated with Lodge or Chapter, saying that "it is the Masonic *rights* and not Lodge *membership* that is essential to Templar membership and good standing." He also decides that a dimit cannot issue to a Red Cross Knight, as he does not become a member of a Commandery until he has taken the Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta. The dispensations to permit balloting out of time required "that ample notice should be first given to each member of the Commandery of the meeting and the contemplated ballot."

Refused the only requests, two in number, for permission to appear in uniform because the occasions were not considered Masonic. The Sir Knights of Iowa do not seem to run much to "fuss and feathers." One new Commandery was organized under dispensation. He believes that the new Ritual has come to stay and that it is universally satisfactory throughout the Jurisdiction. In accordance with the action taken at the last Grand Conclave, eight Inspectors were appointed, who have faithfully attended to the duty assigned them and report the Commanderies generally "in good, healthy condition, and zealous in the cause of Templar Masonry, and working the Ritual fairly well." The majority are reported as being "weak in tactics and drill," and the Grand Commander makes the following sensible comments:

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

The returns show a decrease in membership, which is accounted for by

the fact that they are for six months, only, and for the time of year when little work is being done. Easter and Ascension Days were quite generally observed. It is getting to be a common custom in this Jurisdiction to decorate the graves of deceased Fraters on Ascension Day, and we are fully in accord with the Grand Commander's belief that "this tribute of love and affection for the memory of those who have gone before should become universal on this day."

Official visitation was indulged in to a slight extent. A full page of the address is devoted to the topic of "Future Growth," and we wish we could copy it in its entirety, and could also be certain that it would be read and its precepts followed. We quote a few of the salient points:

"Never elect any member, it matters not how clever he may be, to an office in the Commandery who will not be zealous in attention to the duties of that office. See that there is a full attendance at the meetings, numbers always lend enthusiasm, while the lack of proper attendance will destroy the life of any Commandery. Meet early and promptly, and close at a reasonable hour. Nothing will kill a Commandery quicker than to have a few members come at the appointed hour and then wait for half an hour or more for others to come in. An occasional social, where the wives and daughters are invited, will do much to quicken the life of a Commandery. Keep careful guard on the ballot box, as the badge of a Templar is only valuable as it proclaims that no man can wear it who does not possess the high qualities of mind and heart which it indicates."

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash balance as being \$1,059.

The Grand Commandery does not appear to be a very welcome visitor as the Committee on Time and Place for holding the next Conclave had to report that "no request or invitation had come to us from any Temple, or from any body or individual Sir Knights, to meet with them the coming year." They therefore recommend that the next Conclave be held at their own home in Templar Park. A resolution was introduced proposing a discontinuance of mileage and per diem to the Grand Officers until the buildings at the Park are completed and the Grand Commandery has met all of its liabilities, but the committee to whom it was referred say "that the report of strikes and its attending troubles has so alarmed us that we feel unwilling to recommend the reduction of the pay of any laborer in the vineyard," and the resolution received its quietus. The usual number of visitors was reduced on account of the various strikes and other disturbances. A fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Commander Babb faces the title page.

The Report on Correspondence fills seventy-nine pages with a well prepared review of the doings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies. Although presented by a committee it bears the earmarks of the Chairman, Sir James C. W. Coxe, and is in his best vein. His opening would lead one to think that the millenium was near at hand, and we regret not being able to give it a place.

He notes that "two stately columns fell" in Alabama, and yet again in

Arkansas and Georgia. Why the simile missed fire in the equally afflicted States of Maine and Tennessee remains to be explained. Verily one has to look sharp to insure a variety of expressions for two-score reviews. Arkansas supplies the text for some running comments on typo-chirographical errors. They certainly did break the record. Under California, commenting on the dispensation allowing Commanderies to appear in uniform on the occasion of the San Diego celebration, he says:

"We have not observed an expression of approval from a single Jurisdiction. We question if even the doughty Vermont correspondent comes to the defense."

The Vermont proceedings are silent upon the matter, for a fact. We could find something of interest to quote on every page of our Frater's report, but we must desist. North Carolina for 1894 gets its full share of space and our maiden effort meets with approving notice, for which we extend thanks and take our leave of this entertaining report.

Fifty-four Commanderies, 4,116 Knights; loss 86.

Sir David W. Clements, West Union, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 9th, 1895.

KANSAS.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Hutchinson, May 8th, 1894.

SIR CLARK GRAY, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers assembled at the Santa Fe Hotel and were escorted by a body of 200 Sir Knights to the Asylum of Reno Commandery, where the Conclave was held. All of the Grand Officers reported at roll call, and only four of the thirty-eight Subordinate Commanderies were unrepresented. Twenty Grand Representatives, including North Carolina's, added dignity to the occasion.

The Grand Commander, in his address, recapitulates the progress of twenty-five years and says that the Subordinate Commanderies are, without exception, strong and vigorous. He waxes eloquent over the progress and development in the State, with which the Commanderies have kept equal pace.

"Where the Aborigines held sway and the buffalo roamed but a few decades since, we now meet in Conclave in a city metropolitan in size, architecture, business and manners; and set like a jewel in the center of a country fair as far-famed Italy, and fertile as the valley of the Nile; while

from her dusky bosom is pouring, as if by magic, in numberless streams, pure rivers of salt, which is carried on her converging railways to the North, the South, the East and the West, for the saving of the nations."

Nothing "fresh" about that, but where does the "populist" come in?

The memory of Past Grand Commander George W. Port receives a Knightly tribute and fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions are appropriately mentioned. Four new Commanderies were constituted, the charters having been granted at the last Conclave, and dispensations were issued to form four others. Dispensations to form two more were declined with regret, on account of the probable injury that would result to two of the veteran Commanderies. Inspection and instruction in the new Ritual was provided for at the last Conclave, and the Commanderies availing themselves of the privilege were to pay the munificent sum of "two dollars per day and the necessary railroad and hotel charges." The General Order did not make the inspection mandatory and it seems that only a few Commanderies availed themselves of the Instructor's services, so a return to the old system of inspection by districts is recommended. A committee was appointed at the last Conclave to prepare a suitable Ritual to celebrate the Christmas festival, and twenty-five dollars placed at their disposal, the idea being that the amount named would cover the expense of preparation and distribution. On December 28th the Grand Commander was somewhat taken aback by being asked to approve bills for this work amounting to a little more than *nine times* the amount of the appropriation. It looks, at this distance, as though there might have been some Christmas *festivity* included in the bill and the date of same adds force to the surmise. However, the Finance Committee recommended that the bill be paid, which was done. Dispensations few and about equally divided between permission to appear in uniform and to ballot ahead of time. Decisions reported were all approved, and we quote one as being of possible interest:

"When a member of a chartered Commandery becomes a member of a Commandery under dispensation, his membership as to the chartered Commandery remains in abeyance. If, subsequently, he joins in the petition for a charter for the Commandery under dispensation, and a charter is granted and such Commandery constituted, he continues to be a member of the new Commandery, and ceases to be a member of the old Commandery, and a limit is unnecessary. *Further*, In such case the Sir Knight is not liable for dues to the old Commandery, subsequent to the date of the dispensation."

The Grand Commander evidently knew the manner of Sir Knights he was addressing for he announced that he had made arrangements for a banquet to celebrate "the quarter-century point of the progress of the Order in this Jurisdiction." It is hardly necessary to say that the banquet was a great success. A standing toast was drank to Sir William O. Gould, the first Grand Commander, who is now quite infirm and residing in another Jurisdiction. The sentiment was ordered engrossed and forwarded to him.

The Grand Treasurer owns up to having funds to the amount of \$4,398. Three of the Commanderies under dispensation were granted charters and the other one continued for another year. A fine steel engraved portrait of the Grand Commander graces the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir J. C. Postlethwaite of the Committee, Grand Recorder Byington being compelled to forego the work on account of feeble health. We regret that his condition did not improve as the months went by, and he passed to his reward on October 20th.

The report is a very readable one of fifty-eight pages, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-nine sister Jurisdictions. The reviewer does not hesitate to quote largely, and from the character of his selections must be possessed of a poetic sentiment. North Carolina for 1893 is accorded its due proportion of space. Says that "the Grand Secretary plays upon the names of some of the members of the Grand Commandery, in a note on the banquet." Our Horace will kick at being called a *Secretary*; not but what it is a good title, but it is not *his*. We look forward with pleasure to another report from Sir Knight Postlewaite. The "*Juniors*" have a fellow feeling for each other, at least the writer confesses to it. As our Frater was put on the committee we suppose he will be in the harness another year.

Thirty-eight Commanderies, 3,110 Knights; gain 172.

Sir Alexander G. Robb, McPherson, Grand Commander.

Sir Dwight Byington, Leavenworth, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Wichita, May 14th, 1895.

KENTUCKY.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Paducah, May 16th, 1894.

SIR THOMAS J. FLOURNOY, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Commanderies assembled and marched to the First Presbyterian Church, where religious services were held. Rev. Frederic H. Davenport delivered a sermon, which, the Grand Recorder says, was "elegant and instructive," and we are willing to take his word for it, but as they neglected to attach a stenographer to the corps and the sermon could not be re-preached, no copy was available for publication in the proceedings.

From the church the line of march was taken up to the Masonic Hall, where they were greeted with an address of welcome, which brought out an appropriate response from the Deputy Grand Commander, it being the Grand Commander's home. Then they got down to business, with Officers all present, but several of the Commanderies unrepresented; the returns and dues had all come to hand however. North Carolina's Representative failed to materialize with the others.

The Grand Commander begins his address with congratulations on the prosperous condition of the Order. Growth not up to that of previous years, but lays it to the financial depression and unrest. Dispensations few and for the usual purposes. Issued a General Order permitting the observance in uniform of the several Christian Days. Visitations few on account of the amount of time and travel entailed. The question of a release from dues to the Commandery, after having paid continuously for a term of years, came up for decision and, of course, was decided in the negative, in accordance with the present Grand Encampment law. We have already given our views on this matter, under Illinois. He believes in having a service on Christmas Day, and desires to have a form of service prepared for that day, Easter Sunday and Good Friday, they already having a form for Ascension Day. Looks as though "uniformed religion" was getting a strong hold in the "blue-grass" Jurisdiction. He is not disposed to favor the Christmas Toast, regarding it as rather a dangerous innovation from the accounts he has seen of the extent to which the "flowing bowl" is made a feature in some places. He makes a strong plea for avoiding all appearance of evil, and doing all we can to help the weak and remove the temptations that are round about them.

We consider his views as being sound and worthy of attention. Observe the day by all means, but health and prosperity can just as well be expressed in a draught of water and with far less danger to some weak and struggling brother. Let the observance be relegated to the past if it cannot be maintained without the use of wine.

A strong plea is also made in the interest of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and a desire is expressed that some provision be made for the care of old and indigent Master Masons.

Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was formally introduced and welcomed. A committee was appointed to carry out the Grand Commanders ideas in regard to a form of religious service for each of the Christian holidays. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve of that part of the decision on the life membership question which remanded to full membership those who had become life members before the conflicting law of the Grand Encampment was enacted. The committee claim that this action would divest the life member of a *vested right*, and they do not believe it can be lawfully done.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash on hand to be \$1,185.

A certain amount of hilarity was sandwiched in with the business of the Conclave, as they were tendered an excursion on the street cars, a steam boat trip on the Tennessee and Ohio rivers and the Lodge of Elks set up the refreshments. We believe that a courtesy of this kind is quite rare, coming from another organization, but it is none the less enjoyable and testifies to a strong fraternal feeling. The "sisters" were included in all of these festivities. A committee was appointed to look into the cost of a

Grand Standard, and the "Grand Council" of the Commandery was made a committee to arrange for headquarters at the Triennial, so we shall expect to see the new Grand Standard there and, after the Conclave is over, send all communications for the M. E. Grand Master to Kentucky.

Sir Charles R. Woodruff presents his twenty-first Report on Correspondence and announces that he has just arrived at the "grand climacteric." As he makes no complaint of bodily ill health and the review before us shows no sign of loss in mental vigor, we feel confident that the prospects are good for his continuing to edify and instruct us for another generation. Long life to our veteran reviewer. He fills 117 pages with a very genial review of the doings of forty Grand Bodies. North Carolina for 1893 is very courteously mentioned. Referring to our respected predecessor he says:

"We shall all miss the strict but courteous Sir Knight, and we deeply regret his determination to lay aside the pen."

He devotes some three pages to the special subject of Grand Representatives. After a general elaboration of the whole subject, and styling it an "amiable custom," he concludes as follows:

"The whole thing has outlived any usefulness it may have possibly possessed, and having become a hateful agent of discord, it must be forthwith abolished, thus removing in good time from the Templar horizon such a baleful influence."

We regret that we cannot tarry longer with Frater Woodruff.

Twenty-five Commanderies, 1,869 Knights; gain 48.

Sir James D. Lewis, Bowling Green, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Crouinger, Covington, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Bowling Green, May 15th, 1895.

LOUISIANA.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE. New Orleans, February 15th, 1895.

SIR L. H. GARDNER, Grand Generalissimo, Acting R. E.
Grand Commander.

Ten Grand and seventeen Past Grand Officers present and all of the Commanderies represented. Fifteen Grand Jurisdictions represented, North Carolina being among the number, and we note that five commissions are held by one Sir Knight.

The Grand Commander's address is quite brief. The organization of a new Commandery is noted and the Commanderies are reported as having

made a fair gain in membership. The new Ritual has been strictly followed and all that prevents perfect work is "the faithful co-operation of the minor officers."

The Christmas Libation was modestly observed, Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, Past Grand Commander, presiding, "and the meeting left impressions and memories on those present which will bear some useful fruits." Notes that the local Commanderies are taking steps to enforce the existing regulations in regard to the use of uniforms.

Announces that Masonry has become well established in the State, and that the accessions come from the best classes.

"It depends upon ourselves to so conduct the affairs of Templar Masonry, and teach its work and its professions, to draw around our exalted circle the best and truest of those who seek Masonic Light in all the stages of profession, with the laudable aim to improve themselves and their neighbors."

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands \$478.

A resolution was adopted "that Ascension Day be appropriately observed by the Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction."

A committee was appointed to revise and amend the uniform, and they are to report at the next Annual Conclave.

The Grand Recorder's report recommended that a charter be granted to the new Commandery, but we find no action taken in regard to the matter. The list, however, indicates that a charter was issued the following week.

A resolution of sympathy for Sir. J. Q. A. Fellows, who was seriously ill at the time, was unanimously adopted.

The business having been concluded the Grand Commandery "adjourned" and no mention appears of its having been closed.

A brief Report on Correspondence is appended. It is mainly made up of obituary notices. The illness of Sir Knight Fellows excuses the brevity. We are glad to note that he is now gaining and hope for his speedy restoration to health.

Some statistical tables are announced, but they do not appear, and he says:

"We still adhere in the main to what we wrote last year, under this head as an excuse, if it may be so termed, for not noticing the legislation in the different Grand Commanderies. Under this view we can the more easily adapt ourselves to a limited report, though we find much legislation upon which we would like to comment."

We hope that our Frater will conclude to relax his self-imposed restrictions and give us the benefit of his valuable comments in his next report.

Four Commanderies, 311 Knights; gain 18.

Sir Charles F. Buck, New Orleans, Grand Commander, (re-elected.)

Sir Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, New Orleans, February 14th, 1896.

MAINE.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Portland, May 3rd, 1894.

SIR HORACE H. BURBANK, R. E. Grand Commander.

Officers all on hand and all but one of the Commanderies represented. A good delegation of Grand Representatives present but no one responded for the "Tar Heel" Jurisdiction. It appears, however, that our Representative resides in Massachusetts, so we conclude that he must have been appointed before Maine was erected into an independent State.

V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, made an official visit and was received with due honor. It being Ascension Day appropriate religious services were held, which were conducted by the Grand Prelate. The Grand Commander details the dispensations issued, of which three-fifths were to permit public appearance in uniform. Did not consider the dedication of a soldier's monument "a Masonic occasion" and so declined to allow a Commandery to parade as an escort at the dedication. His other decision was that

"A Commandery can, as a matter of courtesy, accord Templar burial or escort to an unaffiliated Knight Templar, his application for membership having been presented and pending in said Commandery."

Made a few official visits and found more cause to commend than criticise.

"Perhaps I should not omit mention of banquets. In each of my visits I was royally entertained, and my staff evinced ample appreciation of the hospitality tendered."

"Maine will be on hand at the Triennial apparently," as he says that "enthusiasm is 'breaking out' in many localities, and is evidently contagious."

Fraternal dead are noted, Past Grand Captain General Leander Weeks being the most noted of the home Fraters. The address closes with an eloquent appeal to enlarge the power of our Order for good, by strengthening it in virtue and beneficence.

The reports of the official visits made by the other Grand Officers show that the Order is in a flourishing condition. The various Commanderies were generally quite proficient in the work, and hospitality abounded. The general fund in the Grand Treasurer's hands amounts to \$1,275, and there appears to be a special fund of \$404 for Triennial purposes.

A recess was taken, when the officers of Portland Commandery conferred the Order of the Red Cross.

"The officers of Portland Commandery having retired, the members of the Grand Commandery and their visitors, (numbering 300 in all) repaired to the banquet hall for supper."

The laborer is worthy of his hire, and we hope the officers of Portland Commandery were asked to stay to supper, although the minutes would lead one to infer otherwise.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, \$100 was added to the Triennial entertainment fund, an assessment of 25 cents per member was levied on the Commanderies, to be paid with the other dues, and \$50 was given to the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee as a reward for his labors in preparing the report. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the Grand Comander's decisions.

Sir Knight Stephen Berry, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submits his nineteenth report. He reviews the proceedings of forty-two of the forty-three Grand Bodies, in his usual entertaining and instructive manner, filling sixty-four pages with choice extracts and pleasant comment. North Carolina for 1894 is given due prominence, liberal quotations being made and no adverse criticism appearing. Sir Knight Blount's observation that his last report was brief because he did not want "the tail of the kite bigger than the kite," brings out the query, "is not the tail always longer than the kite?" True, dear Frater, but length is not always necessary for weight, and the 110 pages of the Maine kite for 1894 are exceedingly well balanced by about three-fifths as many pages of correspondence. We opine, however, that the soaring is done in the *latter* and that the proceedings proper are the tail, which figures out all right.

He credits the writer with being a Past Grand Captain General, which was not a fact at that time. The light burns low and we will have to say good-bye to Frater Berry till another year, should it be our fortune to again make the reportorial journey. Any way we will hope to meet in Boston.

Nineteen Commanderies, 2,756 Knights; gain 117.

Sir William J. Landers, Gardiner, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Portland, May 9th, 1895.

MARYLAND.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Baltimore, November 27th, 1894.

SIR JAMES P. CLARK, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers all in attendance and only one of the Commanderies unrepresented. Twenty-five Grand Representatives were also present, including the one who holds a commission from the "Old North State."

The Grand Commander says that peace and prosperity have predominated during the year, brotherly love has prevailed, and devotion and loyalty to the Order has held full sway. No decisions called for. Advised reasoning with an officer who neglected the duties of his position, and the advice being followed a happy result was the outcome. One new Commandery was formed under dispensation. One dispensation was issued to

permit a public observance of Ascension Day in uniform, and one allowing a Commandery to visit outside of the State, from which it appears that the dispensation business is not very extensive in our Sister Jurisdiction.

The account given of official visits indicates that the Maryland Fraters know how to extend those courtesies for which the Order is famous.

Ascension Day was observed by the Baltimore Commanderies in their customary manner, a General Order permitting the same having been issued by the Grand Commander. Fraternal dead receive fitting mention. A special meeting of the Grand Commandery was held in July at which a committee was appointed to secure headquarters at the coming Triennial, and another meeting was held in September to hear their report. From this and other intimations we expect that the Maryland Fraters will be in evidence next August. The observance of the Christmas Toast was referred to the "Line of Knights" of each Subordinate Commandery for such action as they deemed best. A portrait of the Grand Commander appears as a frontispiece.

The Representatives to the Grand Encampment were instructed to vote for Pittsburg as the place of meeting for the next Triennial Conclave. A charter was granted to the Commandery under dispensation, which becomes No. 9. The Grand Treasurer reports \$979 as his cash on hand, which is nearly \$200 more than he began the year with.

A Special Conclave was held in Baltimore on March 26th for the purpose of installing the officers of the Commanderies in that city and the transaction of certain business. The officers of five Commanderies were installed and a proposed amendment to the Constitution increasing the dues to the Grand Commandery from \$1 to \$2 was laid on the table.

Sir Knight F. J. S. Gorgas presents his eighteenth Report on Correspondence and we violate no confidence in saying that it shows no indications that the pen of the venerable (?) writer has lost any of its cunning. He says that he reviewed the proceedings "of all the American Grand Templar Bodies, forty in number," but his list only foots up thirty-nine. Be that as it may, however, he fills 112 pages with a careful review, a moderate amount of clipping and a good seasoning of sound and courteous comment.

He gives North Carolina for 1894 a good share of space, with a liberal quotation from the Grand Commander's address. He queries why we do not *require* instead of "*request*" the petitioner for the Orders to deposit with the Recorder a sufficient sum to insure the purchase of a uniform. Well, the only reason that we can give is that the minority could not bring the majority to their way of thinking. Please note, dear Frater, that our proceedings do not say "deposit with the *Grand Recorder*," as you have it, if we did style the coming Conclave of the Grand Encampment as "*Annual*" instead of *Triennial*. In closing, he says that the duty of reviewer has been performed so long that it has become one of "life's duties," affording a degree of interest and pleasure that no one but the cor-

respondent can appreciate, but the "pleasure is alloyed with sorrow, for almost every year's proceedings record the death of one or more of the Reportorial Corps."

Nine Commanderies, 997 Knights; gain 41.

Sir William H. Martin, Baltimore, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir F. J. Gorgas, Baltimore. Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Baltimore, November 26th, 1895.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

EIGHTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Boston, October 25th, 1894.

SIR CHARLES C. FRY, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers were on hand and only two of the Subordinate Commanderies failed to be represented. There were also present a large number of past officers and permanent members. From the Grand Recorder's report we learn that the average membership of the Commanderies is 231. Boston Commandery is still the largest in the world, having 783 members, (825 at the time of this writing,) while the smallest Commandery in the Jurisdiction has 61

The Grand Commander congratulates the Sir Knights on the existing harmony and announces that the Order has made encouraging progress during the year, notwithstanding the unparalleled business depression. Over twenty dispensations were issued in the five months since the semi-Annual Conclave permitting parades "in full Templar uniform with music and banners." The greater number of the parades were for recreation and display, "armed piety" apparently not prevailing to any great extent during the warm weather. The Commanderies have been duly inspected, with one exception, and from the reports of the Inspecting Officers

"It appears that most of the Subordinate Commanderies are in a prosperous condition, well officered, performing the work of the Ritual in a careful and impressive manner, with finances in good condition, and with encouraging evidence of a prosperous future

An appeal is made to have some action taken to insure that every Sir Knight is equipped with a uniform, so as to be able to appear in the ranks of the opening parade at the Triennial.

We believe that the uniform should be purchased before the Order of the Temple is conferred.

The opinion is expressed that the Grand Commander should be relieved from personal inspections, except at his option. The coming Triennial receives a good share of attention, as is natural, and the Sir Knights are

called upon to devote their "time, thought and money" to an extent that will justify the action of their representatives in inviting the Grand Encampment to Boston, where he hopes "will be exemplified in the highest degree that spirit of courtesy and hospitality which are the never failing characteristics of the Order."

The proceedings are embellished with a fine steel engraved portrait of the Grand Commander.

The question of having a two day's Annual Conclave and dispensing with the semi annual one was decided in the negative by a unanimous vote.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash on hand as being \$3,037 and they have also \$19,619 invested in the "Grand Fund," which receives each year one-tenth of the net income of the Grand Commandery, amounting last year to \$448 Five dollars per capita was asked from the various Commanderies to create a fund to meet Triennial expenses and generous responses have been made.

V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Representative of the Grand Encampment for this District, was received with due honor and made a proper response. The Grand Representatives were also welcomed and among them we notice the name of Sir E. L. Freeman, who holds a commission from North Carolina.

The Constitution was amended so as to relieve the Grand Commander from official visitations, except at his desire

The Semi-Annual Conclave was held in Providence on May 14th. The Grand Officers were all present. The Grand Commander notes that the responses to the Christmas Toast were most gratifying and that he was also remembered. Business light and of local interest only.

A Special Conclave was held at Orange on September 14th for the purpose of constituting Orange Commandery, consecrating its Asylum and banners and installing its officers, at which the Grand Officers were all present.

The volume of proceedings contains a thirty page directory of the Commanderies in the United States, with the postoffice address of their Recorders.

The Report on Correspondence is, as heretofore, the joint production of our Reverend Fraters, Henry W. Rugg and P. Voorhees Finch, and fully maintains the high standard of excellency which has characterized their previous efforts. Dividing, as they do, on alphabetical lines, North Carolina falls to the lot of Frater Finch and our proceedings for 1894 receive extended and courteous notice. He approves the Grand Commander's views on dispensations for balloting on petitions in less than the statutory time, says "the report of the Grand Recorder proves that this commendation, [that of the Grand Commander,] is worthily bestowed," has some kind words for the writer and hopes to see our Fraters at the Triennial with

full ranks In reply to our suggestion that he had not reached the point where he could begin at the other end of his barrel of sermons he tells the following, which is worthy of extended circulation as authentic information in regard to a subject on which the average individual is comparatively unenlightened:

"The writer pleads guilty to the truth of the suggestion; for some years ago the late Samuel Bowles, the then editor of *The Springfield Republican*, asked his friend, the Unitarian clergyman of this town, how many sermons it took to fill a barrel. He measured, and found that it required exactly two thousand for the purpose, and so reported to Mr. Bowles, who, in acknowledging his letter wittily asked whether his discovery belonged in the arithmetics under *dry* measure or *long* measure. The barrel cannot be tipped. It is not full by at least a thousand; and when the barrel is looked at with the thought of tipping it, it is always with the fear that its contents may be both long and dry."

Oh, no! dear Frater, we must dissent with "both hands." The denomination to which, we understand, you claim allegiance, has never been accredited with *long* sermons and we are certain that the genial junior reviewer of the old "Bay State" could not formulate a *dry* one.

The report under consideration reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies and fills 116 pages. We regret that the limitations of our space do not admit of quoting at length. The opinion is expressed that the Correspondents have done excellent work and while their reports may not be read as extensively as is desirable, there is no doubt that they will contribute some increase of light and truth to the members of the Order. The observance of a Christian Day is commended, also the Christmas Toast, but it is felt that great care should be taken to restrain the celebration of the latter within due bounds.

The Reunion of Correspondents at the Triennial is looked forward to as "a glad season of fellowship and social privilege." In closing, a poetic and feeling tribute is paid to the memory of Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, of Connecticut, Grand Recorder and Correspondent, lately deceased.

Forty-five Commanderies, 10,384 Knights; gain 473.

Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sirs Henry W. Kugg and P. Voorhees Finch, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave, Boston, October 24th, 1895.

MICHIGAN.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Kalamazoo, May 15th, 1894.

SIR HENRY L. ANTHONY, R. E. Grand Commander.

M. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was in waiting to visit the Grand Commandery and being introduced and

formally welcomed, responded in a very happy manner. Sir J. W. Osborne, Mayor of the City, then welcomed the Grand Commandery in the name of Peninsular Commandery and the citizens. Grand Officers present, with one exception, and all but two of the Commanderies represented. No Grand Representatives on hand, as they are a luxury the "Wolverine" Jurisdiction does not indulge in.

The Grand Commander announces peace and prosperity as prevailing, with the Order in a prosperous condition, nearly the usual number of new members having been added the past year notwithstanding the financial stringency.

"Good men and true are knocking at our doors for admission and our Order continues in the front rank, holding the respect and admiration of men."

A lengthy and appropriate tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder Sir William P. Innes. Fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions receive due mention, but the late Past Grand Commander of Indiana would never be recognized under the name given him.

Several dispensations were issued permitting public appearance in uniform and no Commandery has been denied that privilege whenever it could be consistently granted. Official visitations were indulged in to quite an extent and the results were universally satisfactory. He requested a general observance of the Christmas Toast and the response was favorable and generous. "It was an ovation such as might well turn the head of any man save the level head of "Our Hugh."

The Grand Commander believes that the restrictions of the Grand Encampment relative to the public appearance of Commanderies in uniform should be modified, so as to leave it "to the sound discretion and good judgment of the various Grand Commanders." He recognizes the semi-military character of the Order and fully believes in frequent public appearances, with which views we are fully in accord. General dispensations were issued permitting the public observance of Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the "Templars Annual Memorial Day," as he styles Ascension Day, and twenty-four Commanderies report having observed one or more of these days.

His only decision was to the effect that a re-ballot can be taken on a petition any time before the records of the meeting have been read, accepted and approved, provided that no member of the Commandery has left the Asylum.

Fine portraits of Grand Commander Anthony and Grand Recorder Gerow ornament the proceedings. An inserted slip contains the assertion that the picture of the Grand Recorder "does not do the good looking Sir Knight full justice," which must be the opinion of a very partial friend.

The Committee on Templar Dead present a feeling report in reference to Sir Knight Innes.

A Commandery under dispensation was granted a charter, and the arrested charter of another Commandery was restored.

The Grand Treasurer's cash on hand amounts to \$4,165. The nominal salary of the Grand Recorder was increased to \$350, and a donation of \$500 was made to the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids. The Triennial Committee was authorized to arrange for transportation.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the good looking Grand Recorder, Sir John A. Gerow, and although it is his first effort, it indicates that he is a good successor to our lamented Frater Innes. The proceedings of thirty-two Jurisdictions are reviewed and the results fill 137 pages, which appear in the sumptuous dress that has previously characterized the reports of this Jurisdiction.

North Carolina for 1893 is accorded a due share of space and liberal quotations appear, with no adverse criticisms.

He closes his report with the hope that it will afford those who read it as much pleasure as he derived in preparing it. The failure to review the whole list is explained by saying that some of the proceedings were lost in moving the office effects, and the loss was not discovered until too late to obtain duplicates.

Forty-four Commanderies, 5,098 Knights; gain 98.

Sir Charles H. Pomeroy, Saginaw, E. S., Grand Commander.

Sir John A. Gerow, Detroit, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Saginaw, May 21st, 1895.

MINNESOTA.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

St. Paul, June 25th, 1894.

SIR J. W. NASH, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers present and twenty-one of the twenty-four Commanderies were represented. Several Grand Representatives upheld the dignity of their several Jurisdictions, but we look in vain for the name of the Sir Knight from the "Zenith City of the Unsalted Sea," who has the honor to hold a commission from the "Old North State."

The Grand Commander's address is a well written, business like document of a dozen pages, without any padding of correspondence, general orders and the like, that often extend such papers to an abnormal length. He reports, with great satisfaction, that no dissension has arisen during the year and that the best of feeling prevails. The Grand Commandery acted as escort to the Grand Lodge on the occasion of a corner-stone laying, which will show our Georgia Frater that such things can be done. The

Officers of the Grand Commandery were mounted and made a fine appearance.

Dispensations to allow balloting on petitions out of time were issued on condition that each member of the Commandery should have eight days notice of the proposed action. In a case where a candidate had been elected under a misapprehension that the required time had elapsed and the Order of the Red Cross had been conferred, a dispensation to confirm the act was refused, it being held that he had never been legally elected and that the Commandery should act upon his petition in the prescribed manner, and if he was elected confer the Orders upon him without regard to the previous action. We are not disposed to question the correctness of this decision, but if the candidate should fail of election on the second ballot a peculiar complication would result. We should have a Companion who was in possession of certain Templar secrets and could claim that he was under no obligation to keep them inviolate.

A Sir Knight having been notified to show cause why his name should not be stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues mails a check for the amount, which is not received before the designated Conclave. Having received no response from him, on due motion, his name was dropped. In answer to a query, the Grand Commander very properly decides that the action is valid, and the Sir Knight's only way to get back is laid down in the Code. The moral is to keep your dues up to the extent that a summons will not be called for.

Several requests were granted to appear in public on purely Masonic occasions. One new Commandery was formed under dispensation. Official visitations were made to nine Commanderies, all of which appear to be in a sound and prosperous condition. The customary banquets appear to have been up to the usual standard.

The death of Past Grand Commander H. L. Carver is appropriately mentioned and fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions are noted, particular notice being given to that universally lamented Frater, George C. Connor. Reports of the Grand Officers are full and satisfactory, and indicate a good degree of efficiency and prosperity. The Grand Junior Warden says that they were invited to a fine banquet, "which was partaken of by the Sir Knights in a manner peculiar to members of our Order." Our curiosity is aroused and we would like to know something about this manner that is "peculiar" to the *Northwest*, as in all of our many and varied eatings we have never noticed anything peculiar to the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$2,073 as his cash balance. Proceedings purely local. The proposed tax of twenty-five cents per member for Triennial expenses was voted down.

Sir Thomas Montgomery presents the Report on Correspondence, which is his fifth. It is an excellent report and fills 125 pages with an entertaining review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies. He favors

leaving obituary notices out of the Grand Commander's address, as they are often duplicated in the report of the Committee on Necrology. Considers it a better plan to have a standing committee for that purpose, to report at the Conclave, letting the Grand Commander merely mention the names.

Under Indiana, commenting on the New York episode, he endorses the action of Grand Commander Johnson, but considers it a ridiculous ebullition over a trifle, and that the system had better be abolished than to have such strained relations as have occurred within a few years.

North Carolina for 1894 receives courteous but brief mention, but then there are not a great many of us anyway. Says that the Grand Commander's address opens eloquently, also, that

"The new Commandery at Enfield was organized in a unique way. He had a Commandery of the 'indispensable number' first opened and the orders of Knighthood conferred on nine Royal Arch Masons, and they petitioned for the dispensation."

Well "It's a way we have in old Tar Heel," to paraphrase an old college song. We return our sincere thanks for the kindly personal mention. All statistical matter, details of official attendance and the like are omitted from the body of the report and appear as a valuable two-page compilation at the close. We leave Minnesota assuring our Frater that "expectation is high" of meeting him at the Triennial.

Twenty-five Commanderies, 2,280 Knights; gain 37.

Sir W. H. S. Wright, St. Paul, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, St. Cloud, June 24th, 1895.

MISSISSIPPI.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Holly Springs, Feb, 13th, 1894.

SIR S. W. FERGUSON, R. E. Grand Commander.

Five Grand Officers absent, but all of the Commanderies represented. A dozen Grand Representatives were present, but North Carolina does not seem to be maintaining fraternal relations with its Sister Jurisdiction as no name appears in the general list. The Grand Commander's address is a particularly brief document. Says it has been an office of love and no single incident has occurred to mar its pleasure. The financial distress had a depressing influence and hindered growth, but they have progressed in zeal if not in numbers. A half-dozen dispensations were issued, one being to permit public observance of Ascension Day and the others to ballot out

of time. No decisions called for and few visitations made. A New Orleans Commandery asked the Grand Commander for a waiver of jurisdiction over a resident of Mississippi, who was a member of Lodge and Chapter in that city and desired to become a Knight Templar. The matter was referred to Sir Knight Fred. Speed, Chairman of the Committee on Templar Law, who replied that there was no law that permitted the Grand Commander to waive jurisdiction, and as there were no jurisdictional lines in the State, as between the various Commanderies, the matter would have to stand until the Grand Commandery met and provided for the case.

The Committee on Templar Law recommended to the Grand Commandery that, inasmuch as there was no Commandery on the Gulf Coast or within two hundred miles of the counties lying thereon, that Royal Arch Masons residing in those counties should be permitted to apply to Commanderies in Mobile or New Orleans for the Orders. The recommendation was adopted and jurisdiction waived in the three counties named until further order of the Grand Commandery.

At night the Grand Commandery attended church, where the Office of Devotion received an impressive observance under the direction of Sir N. G. Augustus, Grand Prelate, and an eloquent and appropriate address was delivered by Bishop Thompson of the Episcopal Church. The usual collection was taken up for the Orphan Asylum at Natchez.

Sir Knight Speed, for the Committee on Templar Law, submits a four page report on this question:

"Can a member of a Commandery in this Jurisdiction, who is a non-affiliated Master Mason, and who does not contribute to the funds of the Lodge under whose Jurisdiction he resides, be permitted to visit and associate with the members of his Commandery?"

The law of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment are distinctly opposed. After a masterly review of the case he announces the conclusion of the Committee to be

"That the law of the Grand Lodge is supreme, and must be obeyed. The non-contributing non-affiliate cannot sit in a Commandery in Mississippi, notwithstanding the law of the Grand Encampment permits him to do so, because the highest power in Masonry, the Grand Lodge, forbids it."

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$106.

The Report on Correspondence is by the veteran reviewer, Sir E. George DeLap, and his fifteenth effort in that line fills sixty pages with a very readable review of the doings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies. North Carolina for 1893 comes in for a due proportion of space, Sir Knight Blount being quoted at length. The whole report is written in that pungent and caustic manner which has characterized its predecessors. Indulgence is craved for all imperfections and crankiness and a lament is made that the position of Reporter is losing its enjoyment, on account of the dearth of exciting topics. Under Arkansas, commenting on Frater Rickon's failure to see

how Washington's birthday could be considered a Masonic occasion, he says:

"We beg to suggest that if our Commanders can strut at the funerals of our distinguished, though profane, dead, it is certainly no impropriety for them to honor the memory of the Father of his Country, who was a Mason, by parading on his birthday."

Indiana calls forth the following:

"As we have before remarked, we can see no harm in occasionally conferring the Order of the Temple on the Lord's day, provided the hour does not conflict with church service. The idea of a man in 'extremis' and in his senses desiring the conferring of any degree in Masonry, strikes us as being absurd. The fact that Grand Master Gobin says that it is wrong to engage in the solemn ceremonies of the Temple makes no sort of difference. They are only men, like the balance of us, and, in a question of morals, their opinion is no better than ours or Bro. Connor's."

Some comfort is derived from the fact that Fraters Rugg and Finch, of Massachusetts, are in accord with him on attending church in uniform. We are afraid that the dissenters are in a mighty small minority, but they have a perfect right to their belief and to let others know what it is, keeping within the bounds of charity and courtesy. There is much that we would quote, except for the limitations of time and space. We regret that our Frater's oft repeated denunciation of Triennials precludes the possibility of our meeting him at the coming one.

Eleven Commanderies, 387 Knights; gain 27.

Sir J. C. French, Natchez, Grand Commander

Sir J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir E. George DeLap, Natchez, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Conclave, West Point, February 12th, 1895.

MISSOURI.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Kansas City, April 24th, 1894.

SIR CHARLES S. GLASPELL, R. E. Grand Commander.

The three local Commanderies, in full uniform, with plumes, banners and music escorted the Grand Officers to the Asylum where the Conclave was opened in Ample and Knightly form. The Asylum was draped in mourning as a token of respect to the memory of Sir Knight Connor of Tennessee.

All of the Grand Officers were at their posts, all of the Subordinate Commanderies were represented, and in addition there were sixty-one permanent members of the organization and twenty-nine Grand Representatives, North Carolina's being among the number. An address of welcome was made by Sir John F. Eaton, of Oriental Commandery, to which the Grand

Commander made a fitting response. This is the first time that the Conclave has been held elsewhere than at St. Louis since 1861, and, apparently, they did not like the innovation, as they return to their first love at the coming Conclave.

Sir John A. Sloan, the Representative of Grand Master McCurdy, being in waiting was introduced and received with the honors due his station, to which he made an appropriate response.

The Grand Commander's address fills some twenty pages, but, it is all good reading, beginning with an appeal for self-examination to see if we have fulfilled our vows and been mindful of the teachings of the Order. If these have been indifferently and idly neglected, then our labors have been in vain. Fraternal dead are tenderly mentioned. Decisions have been numerous, and he says that most of the questions could have been answered easily by referring to the Statutes and former decisions, intimating that the Eminent Commanders are unmindful of the charge given at their installation, when they are presented with a copy of the various Laws. Numerous dispensations were requested for various purposes, all of which were granted, when in compliance with law. He thus expresses himself very forcibly on one class of requests:

"I have *refused* to grant all such requests, [balloting on petitions at the same Conclave they were presented,] no cause having been assigned only convenience, to the candidate or the Commandery. The candidate had resided for years in the Jurisdiction of the Commandery, was well known, and would make a valuable addition to their ranks. He was about to make a trip to Colorado, or across the water, and *greatly* desired to be ranked as a Knight Templar before going. Why had he not thought of this during the number of years he had resided in your Jurisdiction? Templar Masonry is a *study*, and no good ever came from 'railroading' a candidate through the ceremonies of initiation, *causing them to lose sight of those valuable instructions that should follow through life*. The lessons taught in our ceremonies of initiation should be placed before the candidate in such a manner as to make them better men, not merely that they may bear the name, or wear the badge of a Knight Templar.

Good sound doctrine and ought to be better lived up to than it is.

The new Ritual is in general use and the Christmas Toast is highly commended. The Masonic Home receives a due share of attention, from which it appears that this noble benefaction is doing a glorious work. The present accommodations being fully occupied and a hospital and sanatorium being a crying necessity, a committee was created to raise funds for that purpose. The Templars raised over \$5,000, every Commandery contributing. Nearly as much more was raised by the Royal Arch Masons and the Order of Eastern Star. A plea is made to have the Annual Conclave last more than one day, as the business is too hurriedly transacted and time is wanted for social features. Official visitation was indulged in to a limited extent. The Grand Commandery is reported as being at peace and the Order generally in a healthy and prosperous condition. Not having enough laws to govern the Grand Commandery, he advises the creation of

a Committee to prepare a new Code, also that the Grand Commandery become incorporated. Recommends that a service for Christmas Day be prepared, and that steps be taken to secure quarters at the Triennial. The Grand Commandery is in a sound financial condition, as they appear to have \$7,827 to their credit, which is about fifteen per cent. more than they started the year with. The decisions and dispensations of the Grand Commander were approved, and his various recommendations were adopted and provided for. A portrait and biographical sketch of the Grand Commander appear in the proceedings.

Sir William H. Mayo presents his seventeenth Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Jurisdictions, filling seventy-six pages with a general review of their doings and apt quotations, the whole being seasoned with pithy, but courteous, comment. North Carolina for 1893 is favored to the extent of two pages. He considers a dispensation "to elect and install the officers and attend to any other business that may regularly come before it," [the meeting,] as being "very *near* the doubtful line."

Our Grand Recorder having asked if he had the right to append his name and affix the Seal of the Grand Commandery to the certificate of a Commandery U. D., the Grand Commander replies as follows:

"Yes; the dispensation granted by the Grand Commander puts the Sir Knight (being one of the petitioners named in the dispensation) in good standing with the Fraternity at large, and as such he is entitled to all the rights of membership in a chartered Commandery, except to representation in the Grand Commandery."

Sir Knight Mayo well says, "No prize is offered for deciphering the above enigma." He styles Sir Knight Blount's report as "a pleasant, agreeable and very interesting production. The only fault we have to find with it, is its brevity."

We presume that he has already discovered that it is briefer "where there is none." With a quotation from his conclusion we take our leave of Sir Knight Mayo, hoping to have the pleasure of meeting him in August.

"We have endeavored to quote correctly, to comment fairly; and certainly we have honestly endeavored not to 'set down aught in malice.' As the years go by we learn, or should learn, to be more considerate of the opinions of others, more charitable to seeming faults, less of the opinion that the views we hold, or held, or that are entertained in our particular Grand Jurisdiction, are, or ought to be, the principles that rule the great Masonic world. Let us all therefore, while 'striving earnestly' for principle and upholding the right, 'as God gives us to see the right,' do so with that tolerance and moderation which is becoming to fallible men, recognizing that others in their own way, possibly a better way, are working to accomplish the same great ends."

Fifty-eight Commanderies, 4,033 Knights; gain 104.

Sir Thomas R. Morrow, Kansas City, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, St. Louis, April 23rd, 1895.

MONTANA.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Billings, September 18th, 1894.

SIR ALBERT L. BABCOCK, R. E. Grand Commander.

Four Grand Officers absent, but all of the Commanderies were represented. No mention is made of the presence of Grand Representatives, but a list that appears in the proceedings shows that they indulge in the article to some extent, North Carolina not being included in the deal, however. The Grand Commander's address is the briefest on record, filling just two pages, but we suppose it was space enough for what he wanted to say, and he is entitled to commendation for not including a lot of General Orders and the like, in order to make a show. The serious financial depression has operated to prevent the usual increase in numbers, but the future prospects are encouraging. The new Ritual has been received with favor and the Order is in a prosperous and healthy condition, notwithstanding its lack of growth the past year. Duties have been light; no decisions and only two dispensations. Declined issuing one to permit attending Ascension Day service in uniform, as he considered that this was provided for in the Grand Encampment Resolution of 1892, and the petitioning Commandery was so informed. It is to be hoped that the Grand Encampment will set this matter right at the coming Triennial, and clear the laws of all uncertainty and inconsistency, on this and other points.

The purchase of a banner is recommended, also a committee on transportation to Boston, headquarters, &c., and he hopes that Montana will be well represented on such an event in the history of Templarism. He considers it advisable to have the Grand Commanderies in that section join their forces, that they may be better enabled thereby to secure commodious headquarters, procure a band and make a creditable showing in general. We shall be on the *qui vive* for the Northwestern delegation.

Sir Knight Babcock's portrait appears as a frontispiece to the proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash on hand as being \$589 and an assessment of \$2 50 is due from each member to aid in paying the Triennial expenses. It was decided to purchase a banner costing \$300, which made such an inroad on the funds that Recorder Hedges' request for \$100 to pay for binding up the accumulation of proceedings could not be granted. Reckon they had a grand time, as they thanked the Sir Knights, their ladies and the citizens generally, for "hospitalities that anticipated every want." The newly elected Grand Officers were publicly installed for the benefit of the "lady friends of the members." After the visitors had withdrawn and the Conclave had been duly closed they had a "P. S." as follows:

"The ladies were soon back again after closing, and beauty and chivalry held a delightful seance around a sumptuous banquet board, where wit, eloquence and other things sparkled gayly for a couple of hours."

Apparently the "sisters" are as highly esteemed in Montana as in Alabama and we would not find any fault if our lot was cast in such an enchanted locality.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of that genial and entertaining reviewer, Sir Cornelius Hedges. He does not tell us how many he has written, but all the same he fills seventy-seven pages with a very graceful review of the doings of thirty-seven Sister Jurisdictions, in which quotations are scarce enough to be lonesome. Commenting on Sir Knight Rickon's view that the Red Cross work is incomplete in the new Ritual he says:

"As long as no historic verities are sacrificed, let the matter of symmetry go with the cuffs. Give us a rest and time to get posted."

The following, also from Arkansas, will, no doubt, raise a storm of criticism:

"So long as it is conceded that Knighthood has only an arbitrary connection with ancient craft Masonry, we see no reason to restrict the appearance of Knights in uniform to purely Masonic occasions. We think they should turn out oftener than they do and learn to move and act in concert and become identified with every good work."

He hopes to "break brown bread and baked beans in Boston" with Sir Knight Orahod. Reckon he "does not *know beans*" or he would not speak of them in that way. Commenting on the Indiana and New York episode, he expresses the opinion that the system of Grand Representatives is purely ornamental and practically useless, and queries if it is not time for the Grand Encampment to regulate the matter. He evidently thinks that when a person arrives at the age of a hundred, that a few more years do not count, as he very coolly adds ten years to the age of the venerable Sir Knight created in New York last year. The Frater must have lived a very fast life to have been born in 1791 and die in 1893, at the age of 112.

A very genial and courteous notice is accorded North Carolina for 1894 and we regret not being able to quote it in full. Comments on our styling Grand Commander Aiken's address as "*ecclesiastical*," and retaliates by calling the writer *humorous*. He closes with the following sentiment:

"Our North Carolina Fraters have the indispensable spirit as well as numbers, and here's hoping that neither their substance or shadow may ever be less."

Well, there *is* a good deal of "*spirit*" in certain localities about here and it is considered "*indispensible*" by a good many. Locally it is known as "moonshine" or "blockade."

With the announcement that the redemption of Palestine is still a vital and living issue with our respected Frater, and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting him in Boston, we regretfully lay Montana aside.

Eight Commanderies, 337 Knights; gain 3.

Sir Michael C. Riley, Bntte, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Helena, September 17th, 1895.

NEBRASKA.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Norfolk, April 3rd, 1894.

SIR WILLIAM R. BOWEN, R. E. Grand Recorder.

Five of the Grand Officers failed to appear and four of twenty-two Commanderies were unrepresented. Thirteen Grand Representatives graced the occasion, North Carolina's being among them.

An interesting address of welcome was delivered by Past Grand Commander Hayes of Damascus Commandery to which the Grand Commander made a brief response. He begins his address by congratulating the Sir Knights that death had not invaded their ranks the past year. Notes the decease of distinguished Fraters in other Jurisdictions and says:

"Of these we will particularly cherish the memory of Sir Logan H. Roots, who befriended Nebraska at the Denver Triennial; Sir John H. Brown, who was almost as well known and highly esteemed in Nebraska as in Kansas; Sir William P. Innes, whom so many of us knew and loved; and Sir George C. Connor, our leading Ritualist and brilliant reviewer."

Created one new Commandery, which has done good work. Numerous dispensations were issued, and he has held that they should in all cases "be asked for by the Commandery and not by one or two of its officers." Good idea, but we can easily imagine cases where it would not be practicable to insist on it. Few decisions and of local interest only. Inspection omitted on account of expense. He considers it better to have one Inspector for the whole State, than to have several, and believes it would be less expensive. Recommends some action in regard to the Triennial and closes with the consolation that there has been a steady growth during the year and that there is an indication that the hard times are passing away, saying:

"Let us continue undaunted in the labors so dear to us having hope for a brighter future through the continued goodness of Almighty God, and with charity for our fellows; let us wait and hope, endeavoring to remain steadfast to the end of time and the beginning of eternity."

A fine steel engraved portrait of the Grand Commander embellishes the proceedings. The Grand Recorder elected last year declined to be installed, in order that Sir Knight Bowen's continuous service in that position for the past eleven years might be unbroken.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$855, but apparently they have something of a debt hanging over them, a legacy from the last Triennial, and were obliged to postpone printing the Laws of the Grand Commandery for another year, and also deny themselves the pleasure of a Report on Correspondence. We trust that another year will witness a complete surmounting of their financial difficulties. A charter was granted to the Commandery under dispensation. Triennial matters were referred to a special Committee. Two Grand Representatives submitted reports.

Sir Clark Gray, R. E. Grand Commander of Kansas, was received with Knightly honors.

From a slip sent with the proceedings, we learn that it is now an edict of the Grand Commandery that the members of Subordinate Commanderies shall be *summoned* to attend the meeting appointed for the election of officers. So this procedure which Sir Knight Mayo, of Missouri, so caustically condemned, in his 1893 reviews, is not confined to the North Carolina Jurisdiction.

Fourteen Commanderies, 1,656 Knights; gain 76.

Sir James A. Tulleys, Red Cloud, Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir William T. Whitmarsh, Norfolk, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Omaha, April 23rd, 1895.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Concord, September 25th, 1895.

SIR CHARLES C. HAYES, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery having been called to order in the asylum of Mt. Horeb Commandery, Sir Henry W. Rugg, V. E. Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, the Representative of M. E. Grand Master McCurdy, was received with the customary honors. The distinguished visitors responded in a happy manner.

All of the Grand Officers reported for duty, but one of the largest Commanderies located about sixty miles away was again unrepresented.

The Grand Commander's address is an exceedingly well written paper and gives an interesting review of his official acts and actions. He reports with great satisfaction that Templar Masonry in this Jurisdiction has never rested on a surer or firmer foundation. Harmony prevails, except on the uniform question. The hard times have made their presence felt, but the Order has gained in strength and is larger than ever before. He considers this accounted for by the fact that the Order rests upon something more substantial than mere display, and that its principles and teachings are as lasting as the eternal hills. He visited officially every Commandery and has nothing but commendation for the excellence of the work, the neatness of the records and the large attendance. The finances were in a sound condition and hospitality was dispensed with a liberal hand.

Of the seven dispensations issued, one was for a special election and the others to permit public appearance in full uniform. No decisions have been called for. A plea is made for a regulation obliging Sir Knights to provide themselves with uniforms as soon as they are elected to receive the Orders. The coming Triennial receives due attention. Advises increasing

the appropriation to \$1,500 and hopes that the Granite State will be represented in the grand parade by at least twelve hundred Sir Knights.

Revision of the Constitution was postponed until the Grand Encampment has established the law of the Order. The Grand Treasurer reports his cash balance to be \$2,341. The Triennial appropriation was increased to \$1,500. The Committee on Necrology present fraternal tributes to the memory of E. Sirs Thomas E. Hatch and Edward Dow.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir A. S. Wait, Chairman of the Committee, and is his fifth. He devotes eighty-eight pages to a smoothly running review of the proceedings of thirty-eight Jurisdictions, some of them having a double portion. As in his former reports, our Frater contents himself with few extracts, but when one possesses his handiness with the pen they are easily dispensed with.

North Carolina for 1894 receives courteous mention and we cordially reciprocate Sir Knight Wait's wish that we meet the coming summer.

He notes the development of two momentous questions in Templar law as follows:

"The effect of non affiliation in the Lodge upon membership in the Commandery, where the law of the Grand Lodge makes membership essential to Masonic rights, and (2) The right of a Knight Templar, unaffiliated to seek membership in a Commandery not of the Jurisdiction of his residence."

He considers that the divergent views held on the subject require that the correctness of some of them should be established at once by the tribunal of last Templar resort.

Ten Commanderies, 1,853 Knights; gain 32.

Sir Daniel C. Roberts, Concord, Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir A. S. Wait, Newport, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Concord, September 24th, 1895.

NEW JERSEY.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Trenton, May 8th, 1894.

SIR WARREN DOBBS, R. E. Grand Commander.

Only one Grand Officer absent. All of the Commanderies represented and a goodly number of past officers and Grand Representatives present, but the name of North Carolina's Representative is not "on the list."

The Grand Commander recommends that suitable memorial pages be inscribed to the memory of a long list of diseased Fraters, whom he names.

Dispensations were issued to permit public appearance in uniform on

sundry occasions, and to change time and place of meeting. No decisions. Visited all but two of the Commanderies with the officers detailed for that purpose and afterwards visited all of them alone, and some of them more than once, in regard to which he says:

"This involved many miles of travel, considerable time, and at some mental and physical strain; but the distinguished and Knightly courtesies extended to me everywhere, and the pleasant acquaintance made, old friendships renewed and new ones established, have much more than compensated for the time or labor involved, and have made the year one of the pleasantest in my Templar life."

The Commanderies are universally reported in sound financial condition, with a fair amount of work of good quality, well kept records, peaceful and prosperous. Truly a delightful state of affairs and we extend our congratulations to the New Jersey Fraters. Recommends a committee to arrange for headquarters and attendance at the Triennial, and that photographs of the Past Grand Commanders be procured, for an album, to be kept with the Grand Commandery records, also that a portrait of the Grand Recorder appear in the proceedings. The tactics formerly in use being a part of the old Ritual and having been called in and destroyed, a committee is recommended for the purpose of preparing a new one.

A fine portrait of Grand Recorder Bechtel appears as a frontispiece, and there is also one of Past Grand Commander Muchmore.

The cash on hand, by the Grand Treasurer's report, is \$1,076.

Business light. The committee appointed at the last Conclave reported that they had procured a banner, and a Committee on Headquarters at the Triennial, consisting of the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, were given "power to act," so we expect to see our Jersey Fraters on hand at that time, with flying colors.

Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, submits the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, and announces it as his eleventh. Thirty-nine Grand Commanderies have passed in review and the result fills sixty-four pages with very readable matter, about one-half being quotations.

We note that the Committee is styled as "on *Foreign* Correspondence," but their report uses the word "*Fraternal*," which is much more to our liking. We have never felt that there was anything *Foreign* about New Jersey, whatever may have been the disposition elsewhere.

On the uniform question, under Maryland, he says:

"We in New Jersey require a Red Cross Knight to procure his uniform before he can receive the Order of the Temple, and, as a consequence, all of our Templars created since this regulation was adopted are fully equipped."

He considers Sir Knight Carson of Ohio as having the best of the argument with Past Grand Master Hopkins.

North Carolina for 1893 is noticed and he expresses his regret at parting

with Frater Blount. We commend the following, from his conclusion, as evincing a catholic and charitable spirit:

"We, of course, admit the right to criticism on the part of some of the acknowledged Ritualists (it is impossible for any Committee on Ritual to please everybody.) but in these criticisms it does not appear to be necessary to question the good intentions of those who were instrumental in producing the present Ritual.

"We also find a marked improvement in the writings of some Correspondents, who heretofore have thought it necessary to call each other bad men because they differed with them. Keep up the good work."

Sixteen Commanderies, 1,655 Knights; gain 29.

Sir James McCain, Trenton, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Trenton, May 14th, 1895.

NEW YORK.

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Saratoga Springs, Sept. 11th, 1894.

SIR JOHN H. BONNINGTON, R. E. Grand Commander.

Only one Grand Officer failed to respond at roll-call. The Conclave started off with a lot of speech-making; first, an address of welcome by Sir Charles H. Sturges, Past Commander of Washington Commandery, then Sir William B. Melish, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, Sir H. Wales Lines, Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Roland B. Hall, Past Grand Commander, of Georgia, were received and welcomed, all of whom made happy responses.

The Grand Commander begins his address with congratulations on the signs of future prosperity, considering the work of the year as being satisfactory in amount, when the business depression is taken into account. Past Grand Commanders George Babcock and Edward L. Gaul are eulogized at length, and other distinguished dead receive brief mention. Reports having granted sixty-three dispensations to bailot on 105 petitions ahead of time and says that the greatest amount of clerical work the Grand Commander has to do is of this kind. Says that it would be obviated by reducing the statutory time to two weeks, which he considers ample. He decided that a Companion petitioning for the Orders without a waiver of jurisdiction from the Commandery in whose territory he resided, and who had been rejected could apply *at once* to the Commandery holding jurisdiction over him, as the previous action, not being lawful, was void.

Officially visited a goodly number of the Commanderies, but failed to get around to all of them, as he intended. Commends highly the able and interesting manner in which Ascension Day was observed in New York City. Reports received show that the new Ritual has been heartily approved. He approves public installations, and calls for a more prompt

payment of dues, from the members to their Commanderies. Expresses his belief in arbitration, when misunderstandings arise between two Grand Bodies and says that their foreign relations are pleasant, with the exception of one small ripple, which he hopes to see amicably arranged. The "venerable" Grand Recorder receives a glowing tribute and he closes an admirable address with a strong plea for charity in all of our dealings.

The reports of the Grand Officers are full and complete, Grand Recorder Macoy closing with an eloquent sermon (?) on "The Supreme Ideal of Templarism."

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$10,328 to his credit. An appropriation of \$800 was made, to pay the expenses of the Grand Commandery at the Triennial.

The Committee on Correspondence present a report of 114 pages, in which forty Jurisdictions are reviewed. Nothing being said to the contrary we assume it to be from the pen of the Chairman, Sir Jesse B. Anthony. We do not know how many he has prepared, but this one takes rank among the best. North Carolina for 1894 comes in for a proper amount of attention. Commenting on a "Commandery of the Indispensable Number" opened to confer the Orders of Knighthood, for the purpose of organizing a new Commandery, he says: "This undoubtedly is legal, but we question the propriety thereof." We regret that he did not enlighten us as to the doubtfulness of the propriety. He pronounces correct the only decision rendered by Grand Commander Moye, in regard to the number required to be present at the opening of a Commandery. He considers the sense of the Grand Encampment law to be, that a specified day can be selected for religious service without a dispensation, but thinks that the statute should be made plain and consistent, and with the latter opinion we are heartily in accord.

Five pages of interesting and valuable statistics are appended to his report and we regret that lack of space prevents us borrowing a portion.

With deep regret we are obliged to announce the death of Grand Recorder Macoy, which took place at his home in Brooklyn January 6th. He was 79 years of age and the oldest Grand Recorder in the country, having held the office for forty-four years.

He was widely known as a Masonic writer, being the author of a Masonic Cyclopedia and other works, and the yearly papers from his pen that have appeared in the proceedings have been interesting and valuable contributions to Masonic literature.

Fifty-nine Commanderies, 10,826 Knights; gain 406.

Sir James W. Bowden, New York City, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy, Brooklyn, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Jesse B. Anthony, Utica, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Niagara Falls, September 10th, 1895.

NORTH DAKOTA.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Valley City, June 15th, 1894.

SIR ROSWELL W. KNOWLTON, R. E. Grand Commander.

Commanderies all represented. The Grand Commandery evidently has a tender sentiment for the "sisters," as they adjourned in order to receive the Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Loraine J. Pitkin, Past Grand Matron, who was introduced and welcomed, and made a timely response.

The Grand Commander reports continued prosperity and growth and calls upon the Sir Knights to "put forth every effort at our command to perpetuate and elevate the standing of our noble and honorable order in the State of North Dakota."

A dispensation was granted Auvergne Commandery to escort and guard Shiloh Lodge at two business meetings held on the summit of the hill in Island Park, in the city of Fargo. The Masonic Temple having been destroyed by fire, the Craft found it necessary to imitate our ancient brethren in their choice of a place to hold meetings until other quarters could be provided. Three Commanderies under dispensation were constituted during the year. All of the Commanderies observed the Christmas Toast, in accordance with the request of the Grand Commander.

Under the head of charity he says that

"There never was a quicker and more generous response in any great calamity than there was from the people of the North, of the South, of the East and of the West with their bountiful donations to the Fargo fire sufferers."

Fraternal dead are briefly mentioned.

The Grand Treasurer shows a cash balance of \$442, but they appear to have claims against them of more than that amount.

The Grand Recorder presents a full report of his doings. A committee was appointed to arrange for quarters at the Triennial. The name of North Carolina's Representative appears in the list of the dozen that were present.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of Grand Commander Knowlton, a unique memorial page and a view of Red Cross Room, Auvergne Commandery, Fargo. No Report on Correspondence, but the Grand Recorder is announced as a Committee and we look for a report next year.

Seven Commanderies, 365 Knights; gain 14.

Sir Joseph Hare, Bismark, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Fargo, June 14th, 1895.

OHIO.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Cleveland, October 3rd, 1894.

SIR HENRY P. MCINTOSH, R. F. Grand Commander.

The Officers were all present and all of the Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commander's address is quite long, but amply repays perusal. Fraternal tributes are paid to the memory of Past Grand Commander Heman Ely and other deceased Fraters, and distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions are briefly noticed. In response to an inquiry he said that

"An objection cannot be entertained until after the candidate has been elected to receive the Orders. Previous to that the black ball must be depended upon to prevent the election. Nothing can stop the proceedings except it shall appear that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petition; the ballot must be had on the application."

The question being asked if a dimit might be issued to a member engaged in the liquor business, he very plainly says that the dimit must be issued or charges be preferred, and he advises the latter course, saying further:

"I consider it the duty of the Eminent Commander to prefer charges against a member engaged in the nefarious business of keeping a saloon, which would act as an estoppel to an application for a dimit. It is time that this Grand Commandery took a position on this question, which is shaking to the center one of the powerful religious denominations of the day, and that we should not be backward in taking the position it, and a numerically large secret order have taken, viz: that no person engaged in the saloon business should be allowed to become a member."

No uncertain sound about that and his views merit consideration.

A dispensation was issued for a new Commandery. Other dispensations do not appear in detail. Recommends that the custom of inspection be reinstated as soon as certain obstacles can be removed, relating to the form of ceremonials. He is greatly pleased to report that all but thirteen of the Commanderies are the proud possessors of the American flag, and is confident that the others will be supplied before the Triennial. He eloquently endorses the general display of the flag and suggests the adoption of a resolution by the Grand Encampment requesting the Grand Bodies composing it to request their subordinates to procure a National flag, if they do not already possess one. As the flag will require a bearer, he suggests that the Commandery officers be increased by adding a National Standard Bearer.

With all due courtesy we must dissent from the foregoing. We will not defer to anyone in admiration and respect for the flag of our country, and we are not disposed to object to its being carried in Templar parades, although we might question the propriety, but we are utterly and totally opposed to any recommendations, even, until the sentiment in favor shall have become more nearly universal than it is at the present time.

He reports a goodly number of Commanderies as having participated in the Christmas observance and that "some of them added to their own and the enjoyment of others by the liberal bestowal of Christmas charities," which, to our mind, is the best way to make use of the occasion. A full attendance of the Commanderies at the Triennial is urged. He also pleads for a close supervision over the candidates for membership, making quality not quantity the end and aim of growth.

A fine portrait of the Grand Commander graces the proceedings.

The Grand Commandery has \$4,982 to its credit, as per the Grand Treasurer's report.

The Newsboys of Cleveland having sent an elaborate floral tribute to the Grand Commandery, a resolution of thanks was adopted and the Sir Knights present put their hands into their pockets to the extent of thirty dollars, which was donated to the Newsboys' Home.

Two Commanderies under dispensation received charters. The Committee on the part of the Grand Commander's address referring to the National flag reported that, while they approved his sentiments, they did not deem any legislation necessary and thought that the matter could be safely left to the Subordinate Bodies, which report was unanimously adopted.

Twenty-five Grand Representatives responded at roll-call and were received and welcomed, North Carolina's being on hand. The Committee on Triennial reported that they had secured quarters for the Grand Commandery, and another committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, so we shall expect a large showing from this Jurisdiction.

A long and well written report appears from the Committee on Necrology.

The Report on "Foreign Communications" bears the name of our respected Frater, Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, and has his ear-marks as well. It goes without saying that it is "mighty interesting" reading, and we regret in advance our inability to draw upon him at length for the benefit of our home readers. The proceedings of thirty-nine Jurisdictions, aggregating 5,764 pages, are exhaustively reviewed in the 171 pages of the Report, which is the reviewer's nineteenth.

Under Illinois he gives a good amount of space to a review of one of Frater Smith's itineraries in the Holy Land. As travels in this region are of great interest to Christians and Knights Templars, he devotes some fourteen pages to a review of "The Voiage and Travaile of Sir John Maundeville, Kt., which treateth of the Way to Hierusalem; and of Marvayles of Inde, with other Ilands and Countreyes." The journey was begun in 1322 and lasted thirty-four years. The review is plentifully illustrated with fac-similes of the originals, which were, probably, the best specimens of the art at that time, but hardly come up to the latter day work that Frater Smith offers for our recreation. Next to visiting the places yourself is to be regaled with the literary panorama of Fraters Smith and Carson.

Under Michigan he puts himself on record as follows, and we consider it a good solid chunk of sense:

"We have and we do accept the day the Christian world has adopted as the day for rest and devotion, and as Brother Hodson [Oregon] says, we would not change it; but we do repudiate the dogma that we are observing the *Sabbath* on Sunday, and we have no use for those *assumed* pietists who are snivelling through their noses something about the Sabbath. Give us good old English Christian Sunday, and require it to be observed, too."

North Carolina for 1894 is courteously noticed. Commenting on the report of the Committee on Christmas Observance he says:

"Now, we don't object to this at all, but don't we roll up the whites of our eyes in holy horror when we read of the Roman Catholics sending salutations to their Pope? Won't that roaring A. P. A. of California discover in this Christmas greeting to the Most Eminent Grand Master a tendency towards Rome? Mark, we don't object, only we are afraid the A. P. A.'s will discover something Romish in it."

Referring to our allusion to his manner of expressing himself, he says:

"In presenting important matters, such as the National Ritual and the history of the organization of the Grand Encampment of the United States we try to fortify ourselves with facts. While we may not be able to round off a sentence with that elegance that characterizes an accomplished literateur, yet, at the same time, we hope that we generally succeed in adorning them with pure germs of history and logic."

Merely saying that we did not intend to convey the idea that our brother was at all lacking in literary ability, and noting that his report concludes with some twenty pages devoted to "The National Ritual," and his third paper on the "History of the Organization of the (General) Grand Encampment of Knights Templars in the United States," we take our leave, hoping to have the pleasure of meeting him in Boston next August.

Fifty-four Commanderies, 7,566 Knights; gain 190.

Sir John A. Warner, Portsmouth, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir E. T. Carson, Cincinnati, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Columbus, October 2nd, 1895.

OREGON.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Salem, October 9th, 1894.

SIR JOHN M. HODSON, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers all present and only one Commandery without representation. Fifteen Representatives holding the commissions of seventeen Grand Commanderies were present, but we fail to find anyone on the list accredited to North Carolina. Is it possible that retaliatory measures have been adopted, or is the Oregon Frater a sportsman also?

Sir Reuben Hedley Lloyd, V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and Representative of the M. E. Grand Master was introduced and received with appropriate honors.

The Grand Commander's address is of moderate length and elevating in tone. Notes that the Angel of Death has spared the Grand Commandery during the year. The report of Past Grand Commander Yoran appears in regard to the constituting of the Commandery that was granted a charter at the last Conclave. From it we learn that the work was done in a first class manner, the "sisters" being along and the occasion "concluding with the banquet appendage to Templar ceremonies." Happy expression that, and worthy of the Grand Commander himself. He recommends some legislation in relation to the public observance of any or all of the Christian Days, as the Grand Commandery has never taken any action in regard to the matter. The business depression has hindered any extensive growth, but the additions made have been of good quality and he considers it a matter of congratulation that they have been enabled to hold their own in spite of the adverse circumstances. Harmony and good fellowship have prevailed.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$526 on the right side of his ledger.

A lunch was announced, in the parlors of the Asylum, given by DeMolay Commandery, and the Grand Commandery was "called to rest." Queer expression considering that they at once got down to work of another and more enjoyable kind. The Grand Recorder complains of a lack of space to do justice to the occasion, but says that "the royal chinook and festive hen were served in elegant style, garnished with Oregon fruits galore."

A Commandery under dispensation was granted a charter. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That Subordinate Commanderies, obedient to this Grand Jurisdiction may appear in full uniform upon any or all of the above mentioned days without special dispensation."

The days referred to being Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day. As we have before remarked, we do not see how this action can be made to square with the Grand Encampment Statute prohibiting all public appearances in uniform, except at funerals, without the Grand Commander's permission.

The Report on Correspondence comes from the Grand Commander, Sir John M. Hodson. He laments the fact that material for a report is not so plentiful as in former years, because the "burning questions" seem to have cooled off, yet he manages to give us eighty very readable pages, in which he pays his respects to thirty-eight of the Grand Jurisdictions, this being his fifth effort of the kind.

Referring to Frater Moore's report (Alabama) he says:

"It is one of these 'all written' reports, and requires more labor to separate the doings of others from the ideas of the writer than the average

reader will devote to the work. Everybody to his own notion, but we prefer, when we represent the ideas of another, to quote exactly, then no error of our own comes in to mar the work; and by putting our comments in larger type, it is easy to distinguish."

"Them's our sentiments, "but then we are not all constituted alike, so far as preparing reports is concerned, and we suppose each Jurisdiction is ready to swear by, (if not at,) its own Correspondent.

North Carolina for 1894 comes in for its share of space. The absence of Oregon's Representative is commented on, but he had a good excuse this time as he was attending a Convention of Dominions in far off Texas, otherwise he could hardly have failed to attend, as the Conclave was held in his own city. Our Frater thinks that the "note" in our proceedings just after the signatures of the Grand Officers

"Explains a whole lot that was not placed on record in the regular way and shows that the Fraters of the Old North State are fully aware of the presence of a good thing when they see it."

Right you are, and we find it wherever we go. Commenting upon our styling the Grand Commandery too "small game" for one of our fraternal sportsmen, who holds a commission as Grand Representative, he says:

"We do not speak at all irreverently, but we would like to gaze on the stars in the crown of the servant who follows game so large as to obscure so important, honorable and worthy body of Christian gentlemen as the average Grand Commandery."

With thanks for the kindly notice and strong hopes of meeting our Frater a few months hence, we say good night.

Six Commanderies, 383 Knights; gain 15.

Sir Philip S. Malcolm, Portland, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir John M. Hodson, Portland, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Couclave, Albany, October 10th, 1895.

PENNSYLVANIA.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Pittsburgh, May 22nd, 1894.

SIR IRVING P. WANGER, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Acting Grand Commander.

The usual parade took place on the morning the Conclave opened and the Grand Commandery received a cordial welcome, on behalf of the city, from Sir Knight and ex-Mayor Henry F. Gourley.

The Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles C. Baer, having been removed by death the Acting Grand Commander presents the annual address, of which a portion was compiled from notes left by the Grand Commander.

He notes that one dispensation has been issued to form a new Commandery. The new Ritual met with a warm reception and caused some rivalry among the various Commanderies as to which could make the best presentation of it. It is considered "a wonderful improvement on the old."

Official visitation was indulged in to a limited extent. A dispensation was refused to a Commandery that desired to have their Ascension Day service on the Sunday following the proper day, because it seemed inappropriate and inadvisable to have a Templar parade on Sunday, unless it was a matter of necessity, and such had not been shown to be the case.

A fair degree of prosperity is reported, in spite of the general financial distress, and harmony and regard prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

Heartfelt tributes appear to the memory of the deceased Grand Commander and Past Grand Commander Edwin G. Martin.

The Grand Treasurer reports that the cash on hand amounts to \$5,360.

The Masonic Home is reported as being in a prosperous condition, but to maintain its present satisfactory standing must have continued aid and influence.

A preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, cordially inviting the Grand Encampment to hold the Triennial Conclave of 1898 in the city of Pittsburgh, as Pennsylvania had never been honored with the official presence of this distinguished body of Knights Templar, and in no State of the Union or city in the State is Templarism more honored than in Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh. The Chamber of Commerce of the city had sent to the Grand Commandery a resolution requesting the issuance of the invitation.

The Committee of Finance reported that Sir Charles E. Meyer, the late Grand Recorder, was a defaulter to the extent of nearly \$1,200. The matter being referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, they recommended the calling of a Special Conclave to consider charges and conduct the trial of the accused.

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers have the following to say in regard to the late Grand Commander:

"Your committee is denied the customary pleasure of recommending the presentation of the jewel which visibly marks the appreciation of this Grand Body for those who have served at its head. The sad mention of this fact in our deliberation instantly led to the conclusion that some corresponding memorial was due to her who was dearest of all on earth to our deceased Grand Commander. We recommend that this subject, with full power to act, be committed to your chief Grand Officers."

The Acting Grand Commander having issued an edict to the effect that parades on Ascension Day were not sanctioned by any existing law, unless special permission was obtained from the Grand Commander, the above mentioned Committee unanimously approve his ruling and say further:

"It should be the law, here and elsewhere, that *every* public appearance of a Commandery in uniform (funerals according to our Ritual only

excepted) should be by special allowance of the Grand Commander. He may issue general permission for any particular year or day, but his clear and explicit consent is indispensable."

Two Commanderies under dispensation were granted charters.

Sixty of the seventy-one Commanderies were represented at the Conclave and fourteen Grand Representatives were present, North Carolina's being among the number. The Grand Prelate was absent, having removed from the Jurisdiction.

The newly elected Grand Officers were publicly installed in the Alvin Theatre, an elaborate musical programme being rendered and an address delivered by the Grand Commander.

A Special Conclave was held in Philadelphia on June 9th to consider and act on the charges preferred against Sir Charles E. Meyer. All but two of the Grand Officers were present and a large number of members.

The accused was found guilty of failing to account for certain monies as specified and was expelled from the Order. It is with great regret that we make this record in relation to one who was so widely known for many years as a Grand Recorder and Correspondent, and for whom so much fraternal regard was expressed a year ago, when he felt compelled to lay aside the cares of office because the state of his health demanded rest and quiet, after a twenty-one year's term of service.

A fine portrait of the deceased Grand Commander appears in the proceedings, also an appropriate memorial from the Committee appointed for the purpose.

Sir Lee S. Smith, for the Committee, presents an excellent Report on Correspondence, it being his first effort in this line. He has filled sixty pages with a review of the doings of thirty-two Grand Commanderies and the Great Priory of Canada. He believes that a report of this kind affords the best possible place for storing and preserving words of wisdom and advice that will tend to improve and upbuild the Order. Few have the privilege of perusing the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies and for that reason it is eminently proper to preserve an epitome of their doings in our own archives, that they may be of benefit to the members of our own Grand Commandery.

North Carolina for 1893 is noticed to the extent of a page, nearly all being quotation, with no adverse criticism. We commend a few words from his "conclusion," and think that he has been entirely successful in his effort.

"While striving to give honest opinions on the subjects discussed and acted upon by the various Grand Commanderies, we have striven to do so in the most knightly and courteous manner, seeking always to avoid anything in thought or word which might give offense to any one."

Seventy-three Commanderies, 10,591 Knights; gain 304.

Sir Irving P. Wanger, Philadelphia, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith Philadelphia, Grand Recorder, (re-elected)

Sir Lee S. Smith, Pittsburgh, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Reading, May 28th, 1895.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Deadwood, June 15th, 1894.

SIR GEORGE H. RATHMAN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Nine Grand Officers were present, also Representatives of all of the Commanderies, and fifteen Grand Representatives, but none of them holding the commission of the "Tar Heel" State.

The Grand Commander's address is quite long and gives a minute account of his official acts. He reports the year as having been one of prosperity, the membership having increased about fifteen per cent., also that harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. Fraternal dead, at home and abroad, are briefly noted and memorial pages recommended. One Commandery was constituted during the year. The Christmas Toast was generally observed and from the newspaper account incorporated in the address it would appear that its celebration by Cyrene Commandery of Sioux Falls was an elaborate and elegant affair. Floral decorations, fine table appointments and a beautiful repast made up of substantials, delicacies and wines, followed by numerous toasts with their eloquent responses made the occasion one to be long remembered. The Grand Commander says that his "home Commandery observed this occasion in a befitting manner, but not so elaborately as did Cyrene Commandery."

With, perhaps, an unconscious vein of sarcasm he adds:

"However, before concluding the meeting a voluntary contribution was made by the Sir Knights, and a committee appointed to expend the amount for flour, provisions and necessary articles of clothing, and distribute the same among the needy poor or unfortunate people who might be within the city. The committee reported at the next Conclave the amount expended and the articles disbursed, together with the names of the recipients."

Comment unnecessary, as the two accounts carry their own lesson.

Decisions few and unimportant. Declined a dispensation permitting a Commandery to make a pilgrimage to the State Fair, not considering it a Masonic occasion, and we fancy that there will be no questioning the propriety of his action. Officially visited every Commandery and reports them as being in a thriving condition, with one or two exceptions. Courteous hospitality abounded. A Special Conclave was held at Hot Springs on June 14th to act as an escort for the Grand Lodge, which had been specially convened for the purpose of laying a corner stone of a church.

Our Georgia Fraters will please take notice of the foregoing.

A yearly official inspection is recommended, also that the Grand Recorder give a bond, the latter official having made the suggestion.

The Grand Treasurer reports available funds of \$755.

A charter was granted to the Commandery under dispensation. The Grand Commander was requested to inspect each Commandery once each

year and draw on the Commandery funds for expenses. A committee was appointed to secure suitable quarters at the Triennial and \$1,000 placed at their disposal. It was voted that the Grand Commandery attend divine service at the Episcopal Church the following day, it being Sunday.

The Grand Commandery having concluded its labors, "adjourned subject to the call of the Grand Commander," and no mention is made of any closing ceremonies, which strikes us as being quite an innovation on the usual custom of terminating the labors of such bodies.

Sir Knight Rathman's portrait appears as a frontispiece.

The Report on Correspondence comes from the pen of Past Grand Commander William D. Stites and is his third, and we regret to say is his last, for another name appears as the Correspondent for the coming year.

Seventy-six pages are filled with a very judicious review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies.

North Carolina for 1893 is accorded courteous mention and we clip the following in reference to our predecessor in this work:

"Sir George advises that the report on fraternal relations ought to be given to the Grand Recorder. We will not differ with you on the proposition, as the amount of work required of the correspondent to review the proceedings of the Jurisdiction which the merits and interest of the Craft demand is at times very annoying to some who are busy every day, and have to neglect their business in order that the report may be made. However, this is not the case with us, as we have more time than the Grand Commandery has surplus funds."

We admit the foregoing to be a true bill. He quotes the account of our "grand groaning session," as he styles it, referring to Munson's effusion about the banquet. We quote from his closing words:

"We gather from the reports the glad tidings of peace, prosperity and harmony. May the same long continue, and may the valiant and magnanimous Knights Templar everywhere be loyal to themselves, their country and the Great Captain of their salvation, and ever hoping that they will always fully realize the responsibilities resting upon them in preserving unsullied and untarnished the honor and reputation of our noble Order."

He thinks that the option of a universal Ritual will prove satisfactory to all, that the question is forever settled and that no changes will ever be suggested. We are afraid, however, that his hopes extend beyond the domain of probability.

Fourteen Commanderies, 755 Knights; gain 101.

Sir William J. McMakin, Terraville, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Holt, Sioux Falls, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir George H. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Sioux Falls, Date to be fixed by the Grand Commander.

TENNESSEE.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Lookout Inn, May 9th, 1894.

SIR WILLIAM M. BROOKS, R. E. Grand Commander.

Ten Grand Officers responded to the roll call and thirteen of the sixteen Commanderies were represented. Thirteen Grand Representatives were also present, but North Carolina's did not help to make up the unlucky number.

Before the Conclave was opened, public religious services were held in the dining hall of the hotel, with a sermon by Past Grand Prelate, Sir Jonathan W. Bachman, the Grand Prelate being absent, on account of sickness.

The Grand Commander opens his address with the common plaint of business depression affecting the growth of the Order. Notwithstanding this, some gains have been made and the Commanderies have generally increased in prosperity and efficiency. Official visitation was indulged in to a limited extent, with very satisfactory and enjoyable results.

Decisions and dispensations few and exceptionable. One Commandery was constituted during the year. The Christmas Toast was generally given, and he considers the observance a delightful one and hopes that it will become a fixed custom. Announces that the new building of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home will be dedicated in a few weeks and is glad to say that this important charity is about to enter upon a new era of prosperity. Fraternal dead receive tender mention and he concludes an admirable address with the following eloquent words:

"To be a Knight of the Cross is to be a model for our fellows and a guide to the young Mason. Life is not all vanity, and it behooves us to remember that the snow white plume which waves above our head symbolizes a purity that should be sacredly preserved, so that our young followers, moved by enthusiasm, may follow our steps even as the Knights of France spurred after the fluttering plume of Henry of Navarre. The charity of a Knight Templar reaches far beyond its measured two score miles. It overflows the mere physical needs of the weary Brother, it covers more than the pittance which places struggling hunger beyond the pain of suffering. It does not stop with cheerless words of sympathy for the destitute widow, nor with comfortless counsel for the innocent maid and the helpless orphan. For each and for all it has the kindly smile, the warm hand and the sparkling eye which make the bright sunshine of the heart, beaming in mellowness upon the hard lines of the poor, lighting their path with radiance, and scattering fragrant flowers which bury sorrow out of tearful sight and give hope to the tired spirit."

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address approve his dispensations but say that, in their opinion, "the practice of sudden admissions ought not to be encouraged. Its tendency is bad, both as to the Commandery and the applicant."

They also have some commendatory words for Sir Knight Foster, for the successful efforts he made "to continue, without serious hiatus, the affairs of the office left vacant by the death of Sir G. C. Connor."

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash balance at the close of the Conclave as being \$837.

The Grand Commander was directed to arrest the charter of a delinquent Commandery and take such steps as he might deem best to infuse life and vigor into one that was in a somewhat dormant condition.

No invitation being extended from any Commandery to have the Grand Commandery meet with them, they decided upon Montagle, at such time as the Grand officers might appoint.

The night before the Conclave concluded its labors a Grand Conclave of Sorrow was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. The solemn and impressive ceremonies, the work of Sir Knight Connor, were conducted by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Prelate Bachman, after which a long and eloquent eulogium was pronounced by Sir Morton B. Howell, Past Grand Commander. As would naturally be inferred the greater portion of it was devoted to the memory of the distinguished and lamented Sir Knight Connor.

The following touching incident appears as the finale of the Conclave:

"The special train which conveyed the Knights and ladies from Lookout Inn, after the close of the Commandery, was halted at the foot of Lookout Mountain at the gate of Forest Hill Cemetery. A few minutes walk brought us all to the grave of our beloved Frater, Sir George C. Connor. Flowers were placed by loving hands, and a young magnolia was planted at the foot of the grave.

"Sir H. A. Chambers, Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which all returned to the train and were sped away to the busy realities of life, having paid an affectionate parting adieu to the quiet resting place of our Brother—dead, but not forgotten."

A Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held at Chattanooga on Sunday, March 11th, 1894, "for the purpose of conducting the funeral rites of the Order at the burial of Sir George Cooper Connor, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, in accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased that his funeral services should be conducted by his Brethren in accordance with the Ritual of the Order of Knights Templar."

There was a good attendance of Sir Knights, who were escorted by more than two hundred Master Masons, and the ceremonies were conducted in a very solemn and impressive manner, an address being given by Rev. J. W. Bachman, Past Grand Prelate.

Sir Knight Wilbur F. Foster presents the Report on Correspondence in an apologetic manner, which is entirely uncalled for, as Sir Knight Connor's mantle has apparently fallen upon competent shoulders, and the report in question is one that any reviewer ought to be willing to own.

Notwithstanding the amount of work thrust upon him at short notice and the brief time at his disposal, he has filled seventy-seven pages with a very entertaining review of the proceedings of forty Grand Bodies.

He gives North Carolina for 1893 kindly and courteous mention. Comments on the number of dispensations to permit balloting out of time, which he curtly says is "bad practice," and we will not dispute with him about it.

It pleases him to see that the Committee on Jurisprudence "promptly put a stopper on" the Grand Commander's recommendation that the fees for the Orders be reduced to those applying for a dispensation, which he calls a "singular recommendation."

The banquet postscript evidently strikes him in a responsive spot, for he quotes it entire.

We quote his comment on correspondence:

"Sir George W. Blount submitted his report, remarkable among other things, for its brevity. This, Brother Blount says, was intentional, and he explains to Sir Knight Berry of Maine, his reason, confidentially, which was that he did not want the tail bigger than the kite. Well! Kite flying may have changed, like base ball, since our time at such sport, but in those days the tail was always longer than the kite, if not so broad and beautiful."

He announces the retirement of Sir Knight Blount and says the writer "monnts the tripod," which has quite a professional sound to us.

We greatly regret our inability to tarry longer with Sir Knight Foster, but the limits of time and space are inexorable.

Fifteen Commanderies, 1,095 Knights; loss 1.

Sir Charles H. Eastman, Nashville, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Mont eagle, May —, 1895. Date not fixed.

TEXAS.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Austin, April 4th, 1894.

SIR THOMAS J. BEALL, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers present with Representatives from nineteen of the thirty chartered Commanderies.

The usual public religious services preceding the Grand Annual Conclave were held in the Representatives Hall of the Capitol, the Grand Commandery being escorted thither by Colorado Commandery No. 4.

Sir G. W. Briggs, on behalf of the Mayor and citizens of Austin, welcomed the Grand Body in a graceful address. After the usual order of service had been rendered, Grand Prelate J. C. Carpenter delivered an interesting and very instructive address.

After the Conclave had been opened, Sir Henry B. Stoddard, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and Representative of the

Grand Master, accompanied by several Grand Representatives, was received with appropriate honors. Among the suite of the distinguished visitor was Sir D. C. Malven, the Grand Representative of North Carolina. His name also appears with those of the twenty-two others present at the Conclave, but the Grand Commander, in his address, announces that Sir S. C. Scudder had received a commission from this Jurisdiction, and the name of the latter appears in the usual list in the proceedings. Why is this thus? Have we achieved the distinction of having two of these ornamental, but comparatively useless officials near the Grand Commandery of the "Lone Star State?" Conjectures without end confront us, but we bid them down until future inquiry shall solve the problem.

The address of the Grand Commander fills twenty pages of fine print, the reports of the various inspecting officers and other documents being incorporated. He mourns the death of Sir W. Brown Botts, Past Grand Commander, and numerous other Knights of less prominence.

Was unable to make any visitations and delegated that duty to the various officers of the Grand Commandery, and their detailed reports indicate that the duty was faithfully performed. Harmony and prosperity were in the ascendant and the visitors were banquetted to their heart's content. Numerous dispensations were granted, the majority being to permit premature balloting. Public appearance in uniform on various appropriate occasions was the cause of all but one of the remaining requests. Several decisions are detailed in length, but are of local interest only. Three Commanderies were constituted and two organized under dispensation during the year. We can commend this address as being a complete and well written account of official acts, and it closes with the modest hope that he has not disappointed those to whom he is indebted for the high honor of being made Grand Commander.

Twelve Grand Representatives submit reports of varying length, but we fail to find any bearing the names of our double-headed representation.

A committee was appointed at the last Conclave to procure and present a testimonial to Miss Lillian Mott, as a token of appreciation of her kindness in presenting a beautiful banner to the Grand Commandery, and they report having procured a Templar miniature sword in the form of a cross, which was presented to Miss Mott, in the Asylum of San Felipe de Austin Commandery, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, and the committee have every reason to believe that the testimonial was highly appreciated.

The Grand Treasurer reports the Grand Commandery funds as amounting to \$3,700., and in addition they have \$1,000 in the "Triennial Fund."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approve the Grand Commander's acts, and commend his "zeal, ability and earnestness," but they were disposed to think that "his dispensations for conferring orders out of the usual time seem in some instances to have been rather too liberal." However, they

were within the scope of his authority and as, no doubt, his discretion was judiciously exercised, they could hardly do otherwise than approve them, but the next Grand Commander may find it a little "harder sledding," particularly if the same committee is "on deck."

Sir L. T. Noyes, Grand Captain General, was appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for attending the Triennial.

One Commandery under dispensation was continued in that condition for another year; we find no reference to the other one in the minutes.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports through its Chairman, Sir Robert M. Elgin, who has officiated in this capacity at least once previously, which is as far as our knowledge goes. He only fills 46 pages in reviewing the doings of twenty-nine Grand Bodies, but the report takes rank among the best that comes under our observation. We take it that he is also handy with the tongue as well as the pen, and a ladies' man as well, for, under Illinois, he lets us know, in reference to the souvenir testimonial presented to Miss Lillian Mott, that he "had the proud distinction of being selected by the lovely and accomplished recipient as her spokesman on the occasion." We can but envy him his opportunity.

North Carolina for 1893 receives genial mention. He considers the dispensation issued to open a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" at Oxford, as "out of the usual order of things."

Has the following in relation to Frater Blount:

"He possesses the valuable faculty of condensing, and can give the salient features of the annual transactions very complete in a few words. We regret to see that with this report he retires from the reportorial chair."

He says that "new zeal and energy seems to have been instilled into the Sir Knights," and concludes with the following:

"The proceedings do not show any public parade, but a note at the foot of the proceedings tells us that they had a banquet, at which the earth, the sea, and all the air contributed creature comforts; and fair women's smiles and skill gave the crowning blessings."

He, or his printer, takes liberties with our name, but we shall not lay that up against him, and we give him "good den," hoping to have the pleasure of taking him by the hand in August.

Thirty-one Commanderies, 1,975 Knights; gain 80.

Sir E. J. Fry, Marshall, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Robert M. Elgin, Houston, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Waco, April 7th, 1895.

VERMONT.

FIFTY SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Burlington, June 12th, 1894.

SIR MARSH O. PERKINS, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers were present, with the exception of one, who had removed from the State. All the Commanderies were represented and, in addition, 31 Grand Representatives honored the occasion with their august presence, which, we believe, is the largest attendance of these ornamental appendages we have heretofore noticed. The holder of North Carolina's commission appeared among the number.

The Grand Commander presents a sound and well written address. The Grand Commandery is called to mourn the loss of but one of its members during the year, Sir Norman W. Frink, Past Commander of Mt. Zion Commandery. Kindly sympathy is expressed for Sister Jurisdictions that have been called upon to mourn the distinguished Fraters, and suitable memorial pages are recommended.

The new Ritual has been cordially accepted and a zealous and gratifying determination seems to exist, to carry out the will of the Grand Encampment in good faith. He considers it "a matter of congratulation that the problem of a national uniformity has been so satisfactorily solved," although "there may be a diversity of opinion as to the propriety and usefulness of certain features of the Ritual." He also considers the "elasticity" which permits different renderings of various parts of work as being an element of weakness, and advises that immediate action be taken to define the particular form to be used in this Jurisdiction.

Official visitation was parcelled out among various Grand Officers, but, from the reports presented, it would appear that four of the ten Commanderies had no opportunity to banquet distinguished officials.

Few dispensations were issued and most of them were to permit that reprehensible practice of balloting out of time. Refused one for a Commandery to appear in public at a "Masonic dance," very properly holding that the dispensing powers of the Grand Commander did not extend to such cases. The usual General Order was issued permitting public appearance in uniform on Memorial Day, May 30th. They consider it a "Masonic Occasion." and we will not go behind the return "

A circular address to observe the Christmas Toast met with a hearty response from nearly all of the Commanderies, and the hope is expressed that the future observance will be universal. Ascension Day was quite generally observed and he considers it desirable that every Commandery in the State should observe public worship on at least one of the festival days of the Christian Church.

Questions calling for decisions have been answered in the main by reference to the Code. Representation at the Triennial affords a text for a few well chosen words and their full weight is thrown in favor of a united and

concerted action by this Grand Commandery, that will make their efforts redound to the credit of all engaged.

He reports having issued a general order calling for a meeting of the Grand Commandery on the day following the Annual Conclave, for the purpose of acting as escort for the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the latter celebrating its centennial. Another case of the kind for our Georgia Fraters.

A portrait of Sir George O. Tyler, Past Grand Commander, embellishes the proceedings.

Cash in the treasury, \$803 according to the Grand Treasurer's report.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address do not endorse his views on the "elasticity" of the Ritual, considering that this feature will prove an element of strength and permanence, rather than one of weakness and discontent, and, therefore, advise leaving the matter of using the plain or elaborate ceremonial, to the Subordinate Commanderies. His official acts are all endorsed, and a hearty tribute paid to his zeal and fidelity. A Triennial Committee of Arrangements was appointed, with full power to act.

Sir Kittredge Haskins presents his first Report on Correspondence, in which he has reviewed the doings of thirty-seven jurisdictions, filling fifty-nine pages, with a condensed statement of what was done, choice extracts and courteous comment. We have a fellow feeling for him, for under Alabama he says :

"Bro. Rickon, we deeply sympathise with you: We know by experience what it is to make 'our maiden effort.' We are engaged upon one now, and as we write the great drops of perspiration stand all over us."

He fully believes in public parades on all proper occasions, and, we suppose, is accused of having very liberal ideas of what are *proper* occasions. We quote, in illustration, from Iowa :

"We are heartily sick of so much of this small talk that has been indulged in heretofore about '*strictly Masonic occasions*' in reference to the appearance in public and in uniform of Templar Bodies. Why should we suffer our uniforms to become moth-eaten by disuse? What is a uniform for anyway unless to be worn on occasions when our appearance in public and in our capacity of Knights Templar will tend to the uplifting and upbuilding, not only of ourselves, but of the human race? To my mind all such occasions ought to be set down as 'Templar occasions.'"

Good doctrine in general, but we must be allowed to draw the line on the observance by Knights Templar, of any day or days that would tend to stir up sectional, political or racial feeling.

North Carolina for 1893 has brief mention. Referring to the Report on Correspondence, he says, "Vermont is among the number and occupies a space of eighteen lines." As he gives us nearly double in return, we suppose there is no just cause for complaint this year on our part.

Ten Commanderies, 1,323 Knights; gain 40.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, Winsor, Grand Commander, (re-elected.)

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Burlington, June 11th, 1895.

VIRGINIA.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. Richmond, November 15th, 1894.

SIR E. E. DOWNHAM, R. E. Grand Commander.

Four Grand Officers absent and two of the twenty Commanderies unrepresented. Fourteen Grand Commanderies represented, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander says that his duties have been light during the year, as nothing but routine work has taken place. There has been an increase in the membership of most of the Commanderies, and there seems to be a general disposition manifested to acquire the work, as laid down in the new Ritual.

Fraternal dead receive the usual mention and a tender tribute is paid to memory of Sir Knight George C. Connor.

Twelve dispensations were issued, of which one-half were to permit public appearance in uniform, for corner-stone laying and church attendance, and the balance were to permit balloting out of time. The opinion is expressed that the practice of balloting without waiting the statutory time should not be indulged in, "except in urgent cases."

Sixteen Inspectors were appointed and twelve of them made written reports. The general condition of the Commanderies seems to be satisfactory.

Decisions few and of local interest only. Official visitations were made to four Commanderies.

We quote his views in regard to attendance upon the Triennial:

"I feel that an especial effort should be put forth to assure our Massachusetts Fraters that the alliance and friendship of the fathers are not forgotten by the sons. I cannot forget that in the heart of Virginia and Massachusetts American liberty was born. Who can forget the old elm at Cambridge, or the plains of Yorktown; Virginia and Massachusetts—the Alpha and Omega of American liberty, progress and civilization."

Attention is called to the General Order announcing that Sir William B. Isaacs had been re-appointed as the representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, to visit the Grand Commanderies of the Fourth District, of which Virginia is a part, but he did not favor them with his distinguished presence, and his post as Grand Recorder was filled by Sir William B. Isaacs, Jr.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$249 as his cash on hand, in addition to some invested funds.

The Committee on Headquarters at Boston report having engaged rooms.

The business of the session having been completed, the Grand Commandery was "dismissed, subject to the order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and then to assemble in the city of Richmond

It would appear that they always open the Grand Commandery, but never close it, and we are a little hazy as to how it is done.

The name of Right Eminent Sir William B. Isaacs appears in letters of gold, as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but we find no report and conclude that the proceedings of the Grand Body on the other side of the Canadian frontier did not reach the Committee.

Come neighbor, brace up and give us a *Fraternal report*, at least, the coming year. We know you can put up one of the best, if the spirit moves you, and we are certain that your Grand Commandery will be only too glad to have it printed and circulated.

Twenty Commanderies, 1,365 Knights; gain 114.

Sir J. Parke Corbin, Moss Neck, Grand Commander.

Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Assembly, Richmond; date not fixed.

WASHINGTON.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Spokane, September 10th, 1894.

SIR EUGENE T. WILSON, R. E. Grand Commander.

Eight Grand Officers, three Past Grand Officers and the representatives of all but one of the chartered Commanderies were present. Also thirteen Grand Representatives, the one from North Carolina not being among the number.

The Grand Commandery was eloquently welcomed by Sir William Phelan, Past Grand Commander, and Sir E. R. Hare, Past Grand Commander, responded in a happy manner.

The Grand Commander alludes to the widespread troubles in the business world, which have affected the prosperity and growth of many of the Commanderies. Some of them, however, have flourished to a degree that entitles them to the highest praise for their zeal and enthusiasm. He also says that they should be thankful that they live "in a land where actual want is unknown." A little risky, we should say, spreading broadcast such an announcement, as it may lead to an invasion by that class of humanity who neither toil nor spin. Perhaps, however, he is interested in real estate and wants to start a boom.

Templar dead receive brief, but feeling, general mention.

The attention of the Grand Commander was called to the beautiful custom of the Christmas Toast and nearly all of them responded. A General Order was issued, permitting public attendance upon divine service on any of the Christian Days, and seven Commanderies report having observed Easter, and one Ascension Day.

A dispensation was issued to form a new Commandery at Port Townsend, and the report of the visiting officer indicates that they made a good

start. Other dispensations all appear to be justified, and the decisions are in accordance with law. He owes up to having made no visitations, as his business required frequent and prolonged absence in other States, keeping him literally "upon the road." It did not appear to hinder his preparing an excellent address, and the business of the office has apparently been well taken care of.

The new Ritual is reported as having been enthusiastically received, and he thinks that it should be a source of gratification to their venerable Prelate "to know that so much of it conforms to the work he has so persistently advocated in the past."

He hopes that the Grand Commandery will have a suitable home at the Triennial, where they can receive their Fraters from other Jurisdictions, and also puts in a word for a permanent meeting place for the Annual Conclaves, believing that some spot could be selected upon the banks of some of their numerous romantic streams or lakes, where the Sir Knights would be glad to go for their summer vacation.

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$233 to his credit.

The Commandery under dispensation was granted a charter. The Grand Commander ruled, on a point of order, that, in the election of officers, no Grand Officer could be delegated to cast the vote of the Commandery for any particular candidate, but each Sir Knight must cast his own ballot, which ruling we consider good law and better sense. A special Committee on the Triennial Conclave was appointed.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock presents his third Report on Correspondence, and announces that he expects to make it shorter than the previous ones in order to reduce expenses, so that they may be able to "reach Boston next year." He fills 129 pages, however, with quite an exhaustive review of the doings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, many of them getting a double portion. This report, like his others, is largely made up of extracts, which leads Sir Knight DeLap of Mississippi to say the following:

"What we object to in our brother's work is the absence of original matter. This we could excuse but for the fact that the ability is in him to make things howl if he pleased, and this is what he ought to do. The best way to do is to always carry your shillalah and whenever an obnoxious head, in the shape of an error, or a presumptuous mutual pops up, hit it! As compiler, Brother Blalock is a success; as commentator, a bald-headed failure."

This touches Brother Blalock up and he shows what he is made of in the following reply:

"We are just Irish enough to carry and use a shillalah and our head is hard enough to stand all the 'hits' we would get, but we are a peaceable kind of 'critter' and think one has enough to do without strutting around with a chip on his shoulder, which is the way some of the 'bickerings' of the mutuals seem to us. We have our opinions and are willing to state them and stand by them until we are convinced that we are in the wrong, but this is a large, healthy country, and there are others who live in it and

and who are entitled to an opinion as well as ourselves without being 'hit.' Did it ever 'strike' you so, Sir DeLap?"

Nothing the matter with that, we reckon.

North Carolina has a double portion, our proceedings for 1893 and 1894 coming in for a due amount of attention. The space is nearly all filled with "clippings," but we do not find any fault; glad to know that he finds something that he considers worthy of a place. Frater Blount is favored by having his introductory and closing copied in full, and Grand Recorder Munson's banquet effusion is deemed worthy of a place. We append Sir Knight Blalock's "Conclusion."

"We have done, and wish our Fraters could be entertained and instructed as we have been while reading the proceedings reviewed. We have made few comments, as we are not hunting a 'row' It is possible as we grow older we may get quarrelsome; we hope not. To those with whom we have differed in opinion we expect the charity that should be extended from one Templar to another. May the Great Captain of our Salvation be with you and bless you."

Two pages of valuable statistics are appended.

Nine Commanderies, 584 Knights; gain 64.

Sir George N. Alexander, Seattle, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Couclave, Seattle, June 7th, 1895.

WEST VIRGINIA.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Weston, May 9th, 1894.

SIR ALFRED PAUL, R. E. Grand Commander.

Ten Grand Officers present and all but one of the Grand Commanderies represented. Eleven Grand Representatives were also present, but North Carolina's was not among the number.

The Grand Commander begins his address with a poetic tribute to the fraternal dead, of whom a long list is given. He takes pride in the fact that nearly every Commandery has received an official visit during the year. Eight of his nine dispensations were to permit public appearance in uniform on divers occasions, and the other was to elect a Prelate. Balloting out of time does not appear to be in vogue in this Jurisdiction. One dispensation was refused, "the occasion being the unveiling of a statue to a companion at Pocalhontas, Virginia." This certainly has the appearance of drawing the line closer than is done in most instances. Why should not the unveiling of a statue be as much a "Masonic occasion" as the laying of a corner-stone, particularly if the statue perpetuates the memory of a

Mason, and especially if the Craft have taken a part in the inauguration of the testimonial?

Peace and harmony have prevailed and only one decision has been called for, which was on the propriety of suspending from membership on account of failure to pay assessments levied "for the purpose of raising a fund for the entertainment of the Grand Commandery." The Grand Commander considers that the question rests upon what may be considered as legitimate expenses; that the candidate is informed what the fees and dues are before he unites with the Order, and if he can be arbitrarily assessed by a majority of his fellow members for purposes outside of the usual running expenses of the Commandery, a serious hardship might be the result. He sums up as follows, and we consider his decision a sound one:

"I am compelled, therefore, to answer your question, no; that is, a Sir Knight cannot be deprived of his rights and privileges in his Commandery for non-payment of assessments made for purposes outside and beyond the legitimate expenses of his Commandery."

The address closes with a compliment to Sir Knight Long for his valuable services as Committee on Correspondence, which shows that they appreciate a good thing when they have it.

The Deputy Grand Commander makes a detailed report of his visitations and notes the presence at one Conclave of a Sir Knight who was eighty-seven years old, and who had been a Mason sixty-five years and a Knight forty-seven. Truly a record of which one could well be proud.

The Grand Commandery is quite well off, the Grand Treasurer's report showing a cash balance of \$1,079.

Apparently the Grand Commandery has had to spend more time than it desired to, in electing its officers, for a committee was appointed at the last Conclave to consider the subject, and their report was presented. The plan recommended, and adopted, is, if two unsuccessful ballots have been had, to declare the candidate duly elected who has the largest number of votes on the third ballot. The committee say in justification of their views,

"That two ballots without a majority are certainly enough to indicate the drift of opinion and to enable any cautious diplomat to form a reasonable guess as to the direction in which the cat will jump, and so indicate to all who may be on the fence the side on which they should at once alight. At the same time two unsuccessful ballots ought to be enough to convince the supporters of any 'favorite son' of his particular Commandery that he will have to wait and bide his time until he can command a larger vote upon the first and second ballots."

The Committee express the hope, however, that three ballots will not be necessary, and that the call to high office in the Grand Commandery will be so loud that one ballot will do the business.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged by wire with the Sir Knights of North Carolina, then in Grand Conclave. The Committee on the Triennial was enlarged and continued, and an indefinite amount of money placed at their

disposal, resolutions to make it \$1,000 and \$2,000 having been voted down.

Sir Knight O. S. Long presents another excellent Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, filling seventy-seven pages with apt quotations and sparkling comment. He bewails the fact that his procrastination has left him with a limited amount of time for the work, and we are appalled by the thought of what he might have done if he had had the desired amount of time at his disposal.

North Carolina for 1893 has brief but sprightly notice. He evidently thinks that an attendance of *six* Grand Officers at the Conclave hardly justified the Grand Commander in his congratulations "on the goodly attendance, which bespeaks the great interest taken in our magnanimous order," but says, "we suppose it was all right." That was something of a break, for a fact, and emphasizes the idea that a cut and dried address should be revised to fit the condition of affairs at the time of its delivery. Our Commandery of the "indispensable number" is the first instance of the kind that he recalls. Compliments Sir Knight Blount, and regrets to know that he is to retire from the corps.

He closes with a glowing tribute to the principles and good works of the Order, and we regret that we cannot spare the space to reproduce it.

Ten Commanderies, 726 Knights; gain 25.

Sir W. W. VanWinkle, Parkersburg, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir O. S. Long, Charleston, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Fairmont, May 15th, 1895.

WISCONSIN.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Milwaukee, June 11th, 1894.

SIR EUGENE S. ELLIOTT, R. E. Grand Commander.

Two Grand Officers absent, all of the Commanderies represented, and twenty-two Grand Representatives present, North Carolina's not included.

The Grand Commander's address is brief but good; fills only four and one-half pages, but is all address and no padding. Reports plenty of business, but all routine work, with congratulations that death has not invaded their ranks during the year. Says that few dispensations have been asked for and they were not of sufficient importance to be given in detail. General permission was given to attend public divine services on Easter Sunday, in Templar regalia, but without swords, and he is gratified to know that nearly all of the Commanderies availed themselves of the privilege and "testified, by their presence at the services of the day, their devotion to the principles of our Order." He suggests that, as the custom

has become so firmly established, an edict be adopted by the Grand Commandery that would render unnecessary the issuing of an annual dispensation. We do not see how the Grand Commandery can do any thing about it, so long as the Grand Encampment *law* remains as it is, but hope that some remedial action will be taken at the coming Triennial.

A general inspection was ordered and all but one of the Commanderies received an official visit. The reports of the inspecting officers are appended, and they are very full and complete. The condition of the Order is reported as highly favorable, considering the short time they have had the new Ritual. Increased proficiency in tactics is also reported, but with ample chance for improvement, and the inference is suggested that the "Eminent Commanders do not fully apprehend the value of the opening in full and consequent drill as a promoter of interest in Commandery affairs." The more work there is to do, the greater the interest created, and he advances the idea that "we have too many solo parts in our methods; what is wanted is less solo and more chorus."

He hopes and expects that a new era opens for Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction, on account of the proposed length of the Conclave, (five days,) which will give the Sir Knights a chance to learn to know each other and profit by the exemplification of the work, which will be done by all of the Commanderies present.

The following, from the report of the Grand Generalissimo, reiterates a well known truth:

"Banquets always bring out an attendance, and it is surprising to see how faithful are a large share of members upon such occasions, but who are always conspicuous in their absence when there is any work to be done."

The Trustees report that the Grand Commandery has available assets to the amount of \$4,467.

A charter was granted to the Commandery working under dispensation.

It was voted to participate in the next Triennial Conclave, and \$1,500 was appropriated to pay expenses, the whole matter being left in the hands of the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery.

This Conclave was probably the most notable gathering of Templars ever seen in the jurisdiction, and had its inception, in the action taken at the last Annual Conclave, when it was decided to have this Conclave last a full week, and devote a portion of the time "to an encampment for instruction in the Ritual and drill."

The encampment feature was abandoned, but the work and instruction received a good share of attention.

Diversions without end were provided for the visiting Sir Knights and their relatives and friends of the gentler sex, and the great degree of success achieved makes the occasion one to be long remembered by all those who had the good fortune to be present. The Grand Recorder well says that the Commanderies that failed to respond to the order requiring them

to be present with full ranks, "are in a double seuse the losers, and will suffer a greater penalty than any penulty or order of censure can put on them."

A view of Wisconsin Street during the parade appears in the proceedings. The work received numerous exemplifications, there was a steamboat excursion on the lake, and the festivities terminated with a grand reception and ball.

The volume of proceedings is swelled by the addition of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, and the Statutes of their own Grand Commandery.

Sir William C. Swain sends out an interesting and brainy Report on Correspondence, which well repays a close perusal, and it would be certain to receive it, if a beginning was once made. He announces it as his twelfth, also that it is incomplete, on account of the change in the time of holding the Annual Conclave. He has, however, corralled the proceedings of two dozen Jurisdictions and sends out a sixty page report, closing with a note of pity for the readers of his next effort, if the absentees show up. We regret that North Carolina for 1894 did not arrive in time for notice.

He does not take much stock in the *straight-line* style of report, as it does not give one a "chance to read what others say in their own language; before criticising a writer we wish to give his exact words."

The foregoing is from Alabama, and continuing his comments on Sir Knight Moore, he says in regard to the temperance question: "We like a glass occasionally, but if we had one at our lips and should see DeLap coming, we would reluctantly feel obliged to put it down." He leaves us in the dark as to whether he would put the *contents* "down," and if so, where?

Under Connecticut, referring to Sir Knight Wheeler's views about parading on certain occasions, he says:

"We do not think, because such occasions are not Masonic, they are necessarily un-Masonic, a term which carries an offensive meaning. We do not say the Grand Encampment could not allow parades on such occasions, but it does not. We do not think it difficult to define a Masonic or Templar occasion as one peculiar to the organizations, with which no one outside of them has anything to do."

Here is something that will make a New Englander, a sure enough *Eastern* man, laugh. Referring to Frater Hedges report he says that "he flings in good things with a carelessness and abandon that would make the fortune of one of us Eastern reporters," which is pretty good coming from the longitude of Wisconsin.

From New Hampshire we take a bit of sound logic. Quoting Sir Knight Wait's approval of the Templar observance, under dispensation, of the San Diego Bay celebration, in California, he says:

"Without discussing the propriety or impropriety of the parade, we merely ask him if either that or Memorial Day are Masonic occasions, as

specified in the Code. If not, are not parades on such days expressly prohibited? If a Grand Lodge should declare the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims a Masonic occasion, it would not make it such, but it would satisfy the Code, and then a dispensation could be granted for a Commandery to parade."

Noticing the New York and Indiana muddle, he exclaims:

"Great is the representative system! The matter is of so little importance to them, however, that they do not even know who their Representatives are to other Jurisdictions. Our Grand Recorder, Laflin, has held a commission to represent New York here since 1890, but his name does not appear in their list."

But we must leave this spicy reviewer, as our space is more than full. Twenty-six Commanderies, 2,724 Knights; gain 126.

Sir Eugene S. Elliott, Milwaukee, Grand Commander, (re-elected.)

Sir John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir William C. Swain, Milwaukee, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Time and Place not announced.

WYOMING.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Cheyenne, May 9th, 1894.

SIR JOHN K. JEFFREY, R. E. Grand Commander.

Ten Grand Officers and the representatives of all the chartered Commanderies were present, also fifteen Grand Representatives, North Carolina's not being included,

The Grand Commander congratulates the Sir Knights that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and that relations with other Grand Commanderies are pleasant and fraternal.

Notes a marked increase in membership and financial strength, and the affairs of the Grand Commandery are in a prosperous condition. Reports one Commandery organized under dispensation. Only one decision called for. Official visits were paid to all of the Commanderies, and he reports being pleased with the results. The officers and members were diligent and enthusiastic, they have convenient and well-appointed asylums, use the new Ritual exclusively, and he is confident that the work will compare favorably with that of more favored Commanderies in older jurisdictions. He says that the Commanderies are fortunate in having competent and faithful Recorders, and that an officer of that kind "does much for the welfare and good name of his Commandery."

Fraternal dead are affectionately alluded to.

The Christmas Toast was announced by a General Order, but we see no report of its being observed, or of any public religious service on Easter or Good Friday, although general permission was given the Commanderies to

observe either of the days in full uniform. A portrait of the Grand Commander appears as a frontispiece.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$253.00 as being the cash on hand.

A charter was granted the commandery under dispensation.

Sir John C. Baird presents a Report on Correspondence, brief but good. It is his second appearance among the "mutuals," and was brought about because he insisted that their standing among the Grand Commanderies was being impaired by reason of their having had no report for the past three years ; so the Grand Commander selected an excellent committee to prepare one.

He pays his respects to thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions to the extent of twenty pages, and if any one is disposed to comment on the brevity of the report, we can say that a short report is infinitely better than no report at all.

North Carolina for 1893 has its due share of space. Referring to Grand Commauder Southgate's announcement that some of the Commanderies felt aggrieved at the action of the preceding Grand Conclave in voting to dispense with the gauntlets as a part of the uniform he says:

"It is enough to make a sympathetic man weep when he reflects upon the sufferings of our Tar Heel brethren consequent upon deprivation of the useful, comfortable and soothing gauntlet. If they like that sort of thing, perhaps an improvement in the way of a thumb-screw would please them."

He takes away part of our name and give us more title than belongs to us.

Five Commanderies, 221 Knights; gain 23.

Sir William Daley, Rawlins, Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Baird, Cheyenne, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Laramie, May 14th, 1895.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Commandery
—OF—
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
—AT ITS—
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
—HELD AT—
NEWBERN,
MAY 13TH AND 14TH, A. D. 1896, A. O. 778.



Proceedings.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina, convened in its Sixteenth Annual Grand Conclave, at the Asylum of St. John Commandery, in the City of Newbern, on Wednesday, May 13, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. Liddell	Right E. Grand Commander.
W. A. Withers	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
J. H. Hackburn	E. Grand Generalissimo.
A. H. Cobb	as E. Grand Captain General.
C. L. Hoffman	as E. Grand Prelate.
M. D. Bailey	E. Grand Senior Warden.
W. E. Storm	E. Grand Junior Warden.
W. Simpson	E. Grand Treasurer.
H. H. Munson	E. Grand Recorder.
W. F. Randolph	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. D. Bullock	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
D. E. Allen	E. Grand Warder.
R. H. Bradley	G. Grand Sentinel.

and was opened in ample and Knightly form, the acting Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights P. A. Wilson, T. R. Robertson, F. Ulrich, a Committee on Credentials, whose report as follows was adopted.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below :

PETER A WILSON,
T. R. ROBERTSON,
F. ULRICH,
Committee.

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J. D. Bullock	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
D. E. Allen	E. Grand Warder.
R. H. Bradley	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

James Southgate,	} Past Grand Commanders.
F. M. Moye,	
H. H. Munson,	
A. H. Cobb,	
Peter A. Wilson, Past Grand Generalissimo.	
D. G. Maxwell, Past Grand C. G.	
J. D. Bullock, Mt. Lebanon No. 7, }	} Past Eminent Commanders.
J. C. Drewry, Raleigh No. 4,	
M. D. Bailey, Piedmont No. 6.	
W. T. Randolph, Cyrene No. 5,	
J. H. Hackburn, St. John No. 10, }	
Plantagenet No. 1	{ E. P. Bailey, Em. Com.
	{ R. H. Grant, Generalissimo.
Charlotte No. 2	T. R. Robertson, Em. Com.
Durham No. 3	Jas. Southgate, Em. Com.
Raleigh No. 4	{ B. R. Lacy for Z. P. Smith, Em. Com.
	{ B. R. Lacy for W. E. Faison, General'o.
	{ B. R. Lacy for R. B. DeVault, Capt. Gen.
Cyrene No. 5	{ A. H. Cobb for J. A. Nichols, Em. Com.
	{ A. H. Cobb for W. L. Shope, General'o.
	{ A. H. Cobb for J. A. Wagner, Capt. Gen.

Piedmont No. 6	{ Fred G. Schaum for R. E. Dalton, Em. Com. W. C. Brown for R. H. Jones, General'o. Jas. K. Norfleet, Capt. Gen.
Mt Lebanon No. 7	{ W. H. Applewhite, Em. Com. J. D. Bullock, Capt. Gen.
Ivanhoe No. 8	{ W. C. French for A. H. Alderman, Em. Com. W. C. French for H. C. Berger, General'o. W. C. French, Capt. Gen.
St. John No. 10	{ F. Ulrich, Em. Com. S. R. Street, Capt. Gen.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The time and place set apart at Durham, one year ago, for holding the Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina have both been reached.

We have been cordially received by the Sir Knights of Newbern, have had the pleasure of greeting members of our order from all parts of the State, and are now assembled in annual Conclave. We are here to render an account of our stewardship, legislate for the good of the Order, and select those whom we shall honor by confiding the interests of the Order to their keeping for the ensuing year. And first in order is my report as your Grand Commander, in which I have endeavored to make a simple statement of facts and to which I respectfully invite your attention.

NECROLOGY.

There have been two deaths recorded among the members of the Grand Commandery during the year.

My general order No. 4 apprised you of the death of Sir Edward M. Nadal, Past Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, but you have had no official notice of the death of Sir George W. Blount, Past Grand Generalissimo, for the reason that I was not informed of his death until too late for formal announcement.

Eminent Sir George W. Blount died at his home in Wilson, N. C., on November 29th, 1895. He was Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery in 1884, and for a number of years was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. He had been honored by all of the orders of Masonry in the State, having served as Grand Master of Masons and Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch. He was indeed a Christian Knight, and having passed through the portals of Death has received his crown of victory. Helpless orphans and the Christian religion meant something with George W. Blount, and received the best energies of his life. Would that there were more of us like him. The subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction whose ranks have been invaded by Death are:

Plantagenet No. 1—Plantagenet Commandery Reports the loss of Sir John H. Daniel, who died in Wilmington July 23d, 1895.

Charlotte No. 2—Charlotte Commandery mourns the loss of Sir W. N. Prather, who died at his home in Charlotte on December 10th, 1895, and Sir James L. Boyne who died at Columbia, S. C., on February 15th, 1896.

Piedmont No. 6—Piedmont Commandery has also suffered the loss of two of its members, Sir John H. White who died in South Carolina on September 11th, 1895, and Sir B. F. Hanes who died at his home in Winston on August 21st, 1895.

Mt. Lebanon No. 7—Mt. Lebanon Commandery reports the death of Sir J. D. Wells on June 19th 1895.

Other jurisdictions have likewise been sorely afflicted and some of the most distinguished of the Order have been called to their reward. I simply mention their names and leave it with the Committee on Necrology to see that proper tribute is paid to their memory. Sir James Sorley, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Texas, and Past Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, died in Galveston, Texas, on May 2d 1895.

Cyrus W. Eaton, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Iowa, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 12th, 1895.

William Bryan Isaacs, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia, and at the time of his death Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment of the United States, died at his home in Richmond, Va., June 9th, 1895.

William Caldwell Belcher, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California, died at San Francisco, September 1st, 1895.

Sir Grant Weidman, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Lebanon, Pa., on November 11th, 1895.

Robert B. McKnight, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan, died at sea on his way home from Europe, November 27th, 1895.

Sir Henry H. Tatum, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Ohio, died at Hartwell, Ohio, December 1st, 1895.

Sir Thomas C. Crittenden, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York, died at Watertown, New York, February 3d, 1896.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have cheerfully and readily granted all dispensations that have been asked of me.

In our jurisdiction where the Commanderies have been small, the refusal of a dispensation will result disastrously oftener than for the good of the Order, and therefore when the request is within reason, it should always be granted. That I have acted on this idea is evidenced by the following dispensations:

June 20th, 1895—To Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.

- July 1st, 1895—To Piedmont Commandery No. 6, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.
- Oct. 2d, 1895—To Cyrene Commandery No. 5, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.
- Nov. 29th, 1895—To Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.
- Jan. 30th, 1896—To St. John's Commandery No. 10, to install a Prelate.
- Feb. 20th, 1896—To Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, to install officers.
- Feb. 24th, 1896—To Raleigh Commandery No. 4, to assist in the rendition of the Story of the Reformation.
- Mar. 25th, 1896—To St. George Commandery No. 9, to install officers.
- Apr. 13th, 1896—To St. John Commandery No. 10, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon three candidates.
- Apr. 23d, 1896—To Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, to ballot upon petition for membership.
- Apr. 28th, 1896—To Charlotte Commandery No. 2, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.
- May 4th, 1896—To Durham Commandery No. 3, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon two candidates.
- May 7th, 1896—To Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7, to ballot upon and confer the orders upon one candidate.

At the request of the Committee on Triennial Encampment at Boston, I issued the following :

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER. }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 8th, 1895. }

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

To all Knights Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction—Greeting:

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in Durham, May 14th and 15th, the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery were appointed a committee to secure suitable headquarters at Boston during the Triennial Encampment.

They report that they have secured front and back parlors on first floor of residence No. 439 Boylston street, from August 26th to August 30th inclusive, (five days), and the services of Eminent Sir R. H. Bradley, Grand Sentinel, to look after same.

The location is most desirable, and the committee have done well. Now let the Sir Knights throughout the Jurisdiction do well their part by reporting at headquarters not later than August 27th.

The headquarters do not include eating or sleeping accommodations for anyone. The rooms are intended to be used simply as a rendezvous—a place for North Carolina Knights Templar to congratulate and receive and entertain their friends and Sir Knights from other jurisdictions.

Sir A. L. Richardson, No. 28 School street, Boston, Mass., is Secretary of

the Committee of the Triennial Encampment on Hotels, to whom all communications relative to securing individual accommodations should be addressed.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

In the discharge of my official duties, I issued the following General Orders:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 5th, 1895. }

General Order No. 1.

In accordance with Section No. 39 of the Regulations of the Grand Commandery, Subordinate Commanderies are apportioned to the Grand Officers for official visitation, as follows:

Sir Wm. A. Withers, Deputy Grand Commander, Charlotte, No. 2; Piedmont, No. 6; Ivanhoe No. 8.

Sir Joseph H. Hackburn, Grand Generalissimo, Mt. Lebanon No. 7; St. George, No. 9; St. Aldemar, No. 12

Sir Jas. D. Glenn, Grand Captain General, Durham, No. 3; Raleigh No. 4; DeMolai, No. 11.

Sir W. S. Liddell, Grand Commander, Plantagenet, No. 1; Cyrene, No. 5; St. John, No. 10.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 5th, 1895. }

General Order No. 2.

The Committee on Christmas Observance has forwarded me the following circular letter:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A., }
OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE, }
PORTLAND, MAINE, Nov. 15th, 1895. }

DEAR FRATER:—The following toast has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

To our Most Eminent Grand Master, W. LaRue Thomas,

"Your duty to command: our duty to obey:
May Christ, our Heavenly Father, bless and point the way."

The Grand Master sends the following response :

To the Noble Fraters of a Noble Order :

"To command with love, to obey with love,
Will meet the approval of Christ above."

Please join in these sentiments on Wednesday, December 25th, at noon, Eastern Standard Time (equivalent to 5 p. m., Greenwich), and extend the invitation to your command, as well as to all True Templars and their friends, wheresoever disposed, on land or sea,

Courteously and fraternally yours,
STEPHEN BERRY, Committee,
Portland, Maine.

It is therefore ordered that all Knights Templar within this jurisdiction assembled at their respective Asylums at noon on Christmas day to respond to the sentiments so happily expressed.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 5th, 1895. }

General Order No. 3.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted at the Fourteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held at Charlotte, May, 1894, it is ordered that all commanderies within this jurisdiction, may observe either, or all, of the following named days for attending Divine Service, in full Templar uniform, viz: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Ascension Day.

Commanderies availing themselves of this Order will make due report of same.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER, }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 26th, 1896. }

To the Subordinate Commanderies under this Jurisdiction :

On the 13th day of April, 1896, the spirit of our beloved Frater, Edward M. Nadal, Past Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, took its flight from Earth to Heaven.

We know this is true, because of his unwavering faith in the merits of

his risen and exalted Lord, and of the delight he took in doing his work. He was a true Soldier of the Cross, and was honored by his Church, his Commandery, and by his fellow citizens. He was born in Washington, N. C., October 2d, 1843, but dwelt in Wilson, N. C., from boyhood.

He helped to organize Mt Lebanon Commandery, was its first Commander, and Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1888.

The esteem in which he held the Order, and his great love for it, could not have been better evidenced than by his dying request to be buried in his Templar Uniform and by the Knights of his Commandery.

It is my order that this tribute to his memory be read in each Commandery within this jurisdiction at the first regular Conclave after the receipt of same, at the head of the lines, the Knights uncovered.

WALTER S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest: HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

VISITATIONS.

In apportioning the subordinate commanderies to the Grand Officers for official visitation, Plantagenet No. 1, Cyrene No. 5, and St. John No. 10, became my portion. In accordance with Section 39 of the Regulations of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, any expenses incurred by me in visiting these three Commanderies, were to be borne by the Grand Commandery; but at no expense to the Grand Commandery, I propose to visit all of the others, hoping that my presence among them as Grand Commander might incite them to increased zeal, for I firmly believed, and do still believe, that all that is needed to double the number of Knights Templar in North Carolina, is enthusiasm on the part of the individual members of the Order.

My business engagements, and increased Masonic duties, reluctantly accepted, but which, having accepted, I could not shirk, prevented me from fully carrying out my plans, and I only found time to visit, in addition to two of the three commanderies apportioned me, Raleigh No. 4, Charlotte No. 2, and Piedmont No. 6.

On December 27th (?) I visited my own Commandery, Charlotte No. 2, and installed its officers. Charlotte Commandery numerically and financially is in good condition, but is lacking in interest. The New Eminent Commander is doing all in his power to arouse the members to a sense of their duty, and I doubt not will succeed.

On January 16th, 1896, I visited Raleigh Commandery No. 4, and installed its officers. As the Grand Lodge had only closed its session a few hours before, the attendance was not so large as the meeting was interesting.

Among those present were Sir Knight John W. Cotton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Sir Knight Royster, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge; and of the Grand Commandery, Sir Eugene L. Martin, Past Deputy Grand Commander; W. H. Withers, Deputy Grand Commander; H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder; William Simpson, Grand Treasurer; and Robert H. Bradley, Grand Guard.

A number of brief speeches were indulged in and a very happy hour was passed. Your Grand Commander was received with becoming dignity, and the words of warm personal regard and esteem with which he was welcomed, will ever have a place in his memory.

On March 11th I visited Plantagenet Commandery No. 1. The Eminent Commander looked after my comfort from the time of my arrival. I was treated as a distinguished guest by all, and at the conclave at night was greeted by a large majority of the resident members of the commandery.

While Plantagenet has made no great strides, it seems to have held its own, and certainly is composed of men in whose society it would be a delight to dwell.

The commandery is well uniformed, proficient in the opening and closing, and in sound financial condition, which is as far as my inspection went.

On March 12th I visited St. John Commandery No. 10. Nearly every member was present to meet me, and I was given a very cordial reception. I found this commandery well officered, well uniformed, and proficient in the opening and closing. It possesses the ability, financial and intellectual, and the enthusiasm requisite for a successful commandery. At the close of the evening, Eminent Commander Ulrich entertained the commandery at his residence, and it was my privilege to become personally acquainted with its members. I feel safe in predicting a bright future for St. John No. 10.

On March 23d I visited Piedmont Commandery No. 6, for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple on a personal friend, according to promise, but found that he had been created a Knight Templar two nights before, and had failed to notify me of the fact. I accordingly concluded to inspect the commandery, which I did, and so notified V. E. Sir Withers, who had been appointed to that duty.

Piedmont Commandery is in sound financial condition and well uniformed. It is composed of Big men in every sense of the word, except Big-headedness. They are big-bodied, big hearted, whole-souled, generous fellows, and after they have become familiar with the work and proficient in drill, they will be the model commandery of the State.

I postponed my visit to Cyrene Commandery too long, and have to report that at the very last moment, circumstances which I could not control, prevented my performance of this duty. I regret exceedingly to have to make this confession, but regret still more that I was compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting the Sir Knights of Asheville, for whom I entertain the warmest personal friendship and esteem.

NEW GRAND COMMANDERIES.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida was duly constituted under warrant of Most Eminent Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, on August 15th, 1895.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indian Territory was duly constituted under warrant of Most Eminent Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas, on December 27th, 1895.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia

was duly constituted under warrant of Most Eminent Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas, on January 14th, 1896

I have written congratulatory letters to the Grand Commanders of these new jurisdictions, assuring them of my personal regard and fervent well wishes, and now leave it with you formally to receive and welcome them after such manner as is customary.

REPRESENTATIVES.

With each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the commissions of representatives to and from the Grand Commandery expire, and not wishing to make any changes except where requested by the Grand Commander of the Jurisdiction, I signed up enough blanks to enable the Grand Recorder to send new commissions to all, and his report will contain the list. Owing to the death of Eminent Sir George W. Blount, M. D. Bailey, of Winston, was commissioned Grand Representative of Connecticut near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Thomas Ross Robertson, of Charlotte, was commissioned the first Grand Representative of the District of Columbia near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina; and

J. C. Drewry, of Raleigh, first Grand Representative of Indian Territory near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

As my predecessor in office issued a general order regarding Christmas observance, I did likewise, but I am not at all satisfied as to its advisability. The Grand Commander each year must issue an order that all commanderies within this jurisdiction may observe any or all of the following days: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Day; and it would seem that this should be sufficient. The Knights Templar of North Carolina are, as a rule, men of mature years and heads of families. If there is a day above all others that a man should spend with his family, it is Christmas, and it would seem that the majority of our members felt that way on last Christmas Day. Four out of the twelve commanderies of the State reported to me that the order had been complied with, and if the other three were no more enthusiastic than the one I was present at. I fear that the custom will never be popular in North Carolina.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

At the last conclave of the Grand Commandery, held at Durham one year ago, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the four principal officers of this Grand Commandery be appointed a Committee on Triennial Encampment at Boston, with power to select headquarters and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the same."

Considering that the committee had only three months' time in which to discharge its duty, I consider that it did so with credit to itself and I believe with satisfaction to all. There may have been more elaborate headquarters,

but there were certainly none more accessible, more comfortable or where better good cheer abounded. During the four days of our "at home" in Boston, the latch-string hung on the outside of the door, and a Carolina greeting was just within. The Governor of South Carolina was continually being announced, and invariably remarked before leaving that it wasn't so long a time now as it used to be. There were, according to our register, forty-three Knights from North Carolina present, each of whom had at times to personate the North Carolina Governor, and they did it with a grace and elegance that would have won from the Governor, had he been privileged to witness it, his admiration, respect and everlasting gratitude. There were a number of Templars from North Carolina who failed to register, and we should have had at least fifty in the parade.

Just how many we did have I don't know, but I do know that those who remained within call from early morning until late in the evening, tired, hungry and thirsty, with no incentive but a sense of duty, proved themselves worthy and have as their reward a consciousness of duty performed and the gratitude of this Grand Commandery.

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment were interesting. In the discharge of my prescribed duty, I was present at every session and felt amply repaid. I was proud of us when six members from North Carolina responded to roll call. There should be double that number at Pittsburg, and there will be if Past Grand Commanders will manifest the interest in the order that they should.

While in Boston we remembered that we were Master Masons, and sent \$50 to the Superintendent of the Masonic Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that a Committee on Triennial Encampment at Pittsburg be appointed at this session. The time is none too long, as it will enable them to provide ways and means, as well as to secure comfortable and accessible quarters before all desirable ones have been appropriated.

I recommend the restoration of the cuffs. We wear our uniforms so seldom that we can afford to endure a little discomfort for the sake of appearance.

I recommend that inasmuch as a number of the subordinate commanderies have signified a desire to contribute as Knights Templar to the special fund being raised for the enlargement and better equipment of Oxford Asylum this year, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to receive these contributions, adding thereto the contribution of this Grand Commandery, which shall equal in amount that of any subordinate commandery, and tender the same to the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to raise this fund, as the contribution of the Knights Templar of North Carolina and not of any specified commandery or commanderies. Too many Master Masons regard us as an ornamental body. We can display our connection with, veneration for, and fidelity to Ancient Craft Masonry to better advantage by contributing to their recognized charity than by flowery speeches or nicely worded resolutions.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Sir Knights, I wish to say that I am not unappreciative of the high honor you bestowed upon me when you created me your Grand Commander, nor have I held in light esteem the duties incumbent upon the office. I have served you to the best of my ability, sometimes at personal sacrifice, but always cheerfully; and in stepping down into my place in the ranks I do so with the consciousness of having done what I could to promote the interests of the Order during my term of office.

I wish to thank my associates in office for their hearty co-operation and support. The Grand Recorder is of the salt of the earth and will always have my love.

For the confidence you reposed in me and for the universal respect and courtesy that have at all times been shown me, I thank you. May the reward which the great Captain of our salvation has promised to those who conquer in His name, be yours, and may God bless us all and prosper the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Courteously yours,

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Commander.

The address was, on motion of Sir Knight A. H. Cobb, P. G. C., referred to a committee of three announced by Deputy Grand Commander W. E. Withers, as follows: Sir J. Southgate, P. G. C., W. F. Randolph, J. C. Drewry, P. C., who reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER'S
ADDRESS.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred the excellent address of the R. E. Grand Commander, beg leave to report:

That the Grand Commandery is to be congratulated upon the very brilliant and successful administration of our R. E. Grand Commander, and note with pleasure the advance in Templarism in North Carolina along all lines. We recommend that so much of the address as refers to our own, and to the distinguished dead of other Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much as refers to Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your committee cannot appreciate too highly the system of Grand Visitations, and commend the work done in this connection by the R. E. Grand Commander and his Council.

That so much as refers to the New Grand Commanderies of Florida, Indian Territory and District of Columbia be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to the observance of Days, be referred to a special committee of three.

Your committee would most heartily approve of all that was done by our R. E. Grand Commander, in the preparations made to have the Grand Commandery of North Carolina represented at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Boston, and our thanks are due for the eminent success attained.

The sending of Surplus Funds for this Triennial occasion to the Orphan Asylum is approved.

That so much as refers to the appointment of a Committee on the Triennial at Pittsburg be approved.

That so much as refers to the change of Uniform be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to the Orphan Asylum be referred to a special committee of three, which shall report at this session of the Grand Commandery.

All of which is courteously submitted.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
W. F. RANDOLPH.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 8, 1896.

Walter S. Liddell, Grand Commander North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.:

R. E. SIR:—I am in receipt of your General Order No. 4, announcing the death of V. E. Sir Edward M. Nadal, Past Deputy Grand Commander of your jurisdiction. Permit me, on behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction, to extend our heartfelt condolence in the death of this illustrious Frater.

Very courteously,

RICHARD P. R. MILLAR,
Grand Commander.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Grand Commander announced Standing Committees as follows :

On Address of R. E. Grand Commander: Sir Knights Southgate, Randolph and Drewry.

On Warrants and Dispensations: Sir Knights D. E. Allen, Ulrich, R. H. Grant.

On Finance: D. G. Maxwell, W. H. Applewhite and W. C. French.

On Appeals and Grievances: Sir Knights B. R. Lacy, Stewart McQueen and Bullock.

On Next Place of Annual Conclave: Sir Knights T. R. Robertson, E. P. Bailey and F. G. Shaum.

On Templar Jurisprudence: Sir Knights W. E. Storm, D. G. Maxwell and M. D. Bailey.

On Fraternal Correspondence: Sir Knight John C. Chase.

On Necrology: Sir Knights C. L. Hoffman, Cobb and Willard.

On Orphan Asylum: Sir Knights Willard, Schaum and D. E. Allen.

The Deputy Grand Commander, W. A. Withers, submitted his report :

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

In accordance with the Constitution, I have the honor of submitting my report for the past Templar year as your Deputy Grand Commander.

My official acts have been few and my report will consequently be brief.

It was my pleasure as one of your representatives, to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States in Boston, Mass., during August 1895, and to participate in the deliberations of that most Eminent Body. It was a pleasure to meet with the representatives of the order all over the Union, to behold the fine personnel of the body, the size and magnificence of the parade, and the exemplification of the principles of a fraternity so valiant and magnanimous. It is also a matter of pride that so many were present from our own Grand Commandery. For this large attendance, and for the pleasure of the trip, we are largely indebted to the enthusiasm and sagacity of our Right Eminent Grand Commander.

It was my pleasure to report our trip in two articles in the *Orphan's Friend*.

I was assigned by the R. E. Grand Commander, the Visitation of Charlotte Commandery No. 2, Ivanhoe No. 8 and Piedmont No. 6 ; subsequently Piedmont No. 6 was exchanged by the Grand Commander for Durham No. 3.

I had the opportunity of visiting Charlotte No. 2, only on one occasion and that was not convenient to the parties there. I must therefore report the non performance of this duty. This is really, perhaps very well, for it would have been a case of carrying coal to New Castle to inspect the Commandery of the Grand Commander.

I visited Durham Commandery No. 3, and conferred the order of the Red Cross and Temple on one companion. I also visited Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, and conferred the order of the Temple on two Companions of the Red Cross. These two Commanderies are now at ebb-tide, but if I may judge by the membership present during the visitation, it is safe to say that only a little enthusiasm and the mastering of the Ritual will make them strong and vigorous. I wish to express to both of them my appreciation of the reception they accorded me.

It only remains for me to thank you for the high office with which you have honored me, and the duties of which I have endeavored to perform to the best of my ability.

Very courteously submitted,

W. A. WITHERS,
Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir Knight J. H. Hackburn, Grand Generalissimo, submitted the following report :

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of N. C.,—Greeting :

I beg to report that in obedience to General Order, No. 1, I repaired to Wilson, on March 23d, 1896, for the purpose of inspecting Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7. I was received with every courtesy by the Officers and Sir Knights, but, from various causes, a constitutional number was not present, and no Conclave was held. On March 24th, I visited St. Aldemar Commandery No. 12, stationed at Enfield. I cannot speak too highly of the zeal and knightly bearing of this commandery—one gray haired Sir Knight, in truth, going to the distance of forty miles and on frozen ground to be present. This is a young commandery and few in numbers, but they are thoroughly united in masonic love and zeal, and hope, in the near future to show marked improvement in members and proficiency. On March 25th I visited St. George Commandery No. 9, stationed at Tarboro and by authority of a special dispensation from the R. E. Grand Commander, installed the officers. St. George is also laboring under the terrible disadvantage of a bare quorum of resident members, and often finds it extremely difficult to hold a Conclave, but the Sir Knights are determined to increase their number and think they have good material in sight. I cannot but express my deep appreciation of the many courtesies and strict obedience paid your representative and the hope that the zeal pervading this Grand Jurisdiction may bear fruit in quick and permanent prosperity.

Courteously submitted,

J. H. HACKBURN,
Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Knight James Southgate, submitted the report of Sir J. C. Chase, Com. on Templar Correspondence.

On motion of Sir A. H. Cobb, P. G. C., the report was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The R. E. Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery 'till to-morrow morning at 9:45.

MORNING SESSION—THURSDAY, MAY 14.

The Grand Commandery met according to adjournment. The Grand Officers in their stations. The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following telegrams were read :

BOSTON, MASS., May 14th, 1896.

H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Knights Templar:

Courteous and fraternal greetings to the Grand Commandery with regrets that business engagements prevent my being present.

JNO. C. CHASE.

NEW YORK, N. Y., MAY 11th, 1896.

H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder:

Make my regrets to the Grand Commander. Was impossible to get away from business engagements.

WM. BRANDRETH,
Grand Representative G. C. N. C.

Sir W. A. Withers, Deputy Grand Commander offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That all Knights Templar in good standing now in the city be invited to seats in this Grand Body.

Sir W. C. French, presented the excuse of Sir J. D. Glenn, Grand Captain General, regretting that on account of sickness in his family, he could not be present at this session of the Grand Commandery. Accepted.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer submitted their reports which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery:

I have the honor of submitting my eleventh annual report :
1895.

- May 21. Distributed circulars of Grand Officers' election to sister Grand Jurisdictions.
- May 25. Drew draft on Grand Treasurer to pay dues to the Grand Encampment.
- July 10. Issued circular of Grand Commander relating to headquarters of the Grand Commandery at Boston during the coming Triennial.
- June 3. Distributed proceedings of Grand Annual conclave.
- Dec. 7. Issued General Order No. 1 of Grand Commander, appointing Visitation of Grand Officers.
- Issued General Order No. 2 of Grand Commander, relating to the observance of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension day.
- Issued General Order No. 3 of Grand Commander, relating to toast to the Grand Master.

1896.

- Mar 2. Mailed blank returns to Recorders of Commanderies.
- April 7. Distributed notices of annual conclave.
- April 30. Issued Order No. 4 of Grand Commander, relating to the death of Past Deputy Grand Commander Edward M. Nadal.

FRONTISPIECE OF GRAND COMMANDERS.

In various proceedings of other Grand Bodies that I have had the pleasure of receiving, I notice many are embellished with a portrait of their Grand Commander. I think our proceedings ought to embody the same. In no better way can we keep before us familiarly the faces of those for whom we have shown our preference.

RITUALS OF MALTA.

Correspondence has been had with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Wm. H. Mayo, relative to procuring the Rituals of Malta of which so few are in present use and so many wanting. I was unable to procure but four, which according to law were sent to the following commanderies: St. George, No. 9, St. John, No. 10, DeMolai, No. 11, and St. Aldemar, No. 12.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

The Grand Representative system is getting to be something of a burden consequent upon its frequent changes which occur at every Triennial of the Grand Encampment. In my experience, I have rarely seen that it has any utility. Very often in our State, nay most generally, fraternal bodies having representatives, are unrepresented. One State at least has abolished the system, while others are canvassing the matter. It is at most an empty honor and the purpose of its creation could be better subserved in another direction.

OUR LIBRARY.

Our Library contains the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery in bound form since it was constituted. It has also many extra copies for each year with the exception of 1889, of which there is not one copy, and only one each for 1890 and 1891. It might be well as our organization is of such recent date, for subordinate commanderies to procure and bind for their own future reference now while they can be procured. An increase of shelves will be necessary for the coming year.

In order that the files of other Grand Jurisdictions might be procured, bound and thus preserved, it might be well to appoint some zealous frater, whose duty it should be to procure such as are lacking, either by exchange or purchase, so that we may have full reports of all the Grand Bodies in the United States.

In this connection I report having received from R. E. Samuel Lawrence, of Massachusetts, a bound volume splendidly gotten up of matters connected with our late Triennial. I have also purchased for the Library two bound volumes reprint proceedings of the Grand Encampment from 1816 to 1868.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Sir Knights have been commissioned as Grand Representatives to fraternal Grand Bodies,

James H. Welsh	Danbury	Connecticut.
Wm. T. McClean	Sidney	Ohio.
James L. Fleming	Augusta	Georgia.
Alf Wingate	Des Moines	Iowa.
John C. Munro	St. Cloud	Minnesota.
Gil W. Barnard	Chicago	Illinois.
Martin G. Carlisle . . .	Desmet	South Dakota.
William Brandreth. . . .	Sing Sing	New York.
S. B. Crandall	Huntington	West Virginia.
Wm. H. Dickson	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania.
Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore	Maryland.
Perry L. Smith	Rawlins	Wyoming.
John B. Porterfield. . . .	Tuscumbia	Alabama.
John D. Black	Valley City	North Dakota.
Henry T. Jefferson	Louisville	Kentucky.
John H. Olcott	Washington	District of Columbia.
James S. Scott		Indian Territory.

The following Sir Knights have received their commissions as Grand Representatives.

E. M. Nadal	Wilson	Georgia.
Mumford D. Bailey	Winston	Connecticut.
John A. Porter	Asheville.	Maine.
Charles J. Austin	Tarboro	South Dakota.
George H. King	Charlotte	Mass., and R. I.
Eugene S. Martin	Wilmington	Iowa.
Adolphus H. Cobb	Asheville.	Nebraska.
John J. Thornton	Greensboro	Ohio.
Francis M. Moye	Wilson	Minnesota.
Julian S. Carr	Durham	Illinois.
Horace H. Munson	Wilmington	New York.
Wm. F. Randolph	Ashville	Maryland.
Wm. A. Withers	Raleigh	Wyoming.
Walter S. Creasy	Winston	West Virginia.
George H. Bell	Bell	Alabama.
Joseph H. Hackburn	Newbern	North Dakota.
E. J. Parrish	Durham	Pennsylvania.
John C. Drewry	Raleigh	Indian Territory.
Thomas R. Robertson	Charlotte	District of Columbia.

DEATHS.

In addition to the death of those of our own Jurisdiction whose names are recorded elsewhere, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment has fallen on sleep since last we met together.

William B. Isaacs died at his home in Richmond, Virginia, June 9, 1895. He had held several important offices in masonry. Was Past Grand Commander, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and at the time of his death was Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States. In all of which positions he came fully up to the requirements of his offices and died full of honor in the hope of a blessed Immortality.

Our own Geo. W. Blount, Past Grand Generalissimo, and later Recorder of his Commandery, passed from death to life at his home in Wilson, November 29, 1895. The death of Sir Blount comes home to me with a peculiar sadness. He was my predecessor as Grand Master of the State, and during his term of office we were much thrown together in masonic work. He was an ardent friend of the Masonic Orphan Asylum, a genial companion, a warm-hearted friend, a noble christian gentleman. No better tribute could I pay to his memory:

"Asleep in Jesus. blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

Past Deputy Grand Commander Edward M. Nadal, laid down his life work at his home in Wilson, April 13, 1896. Though not so intimately acquainted with Sir Nadal as with Sir Blount, the testimony of those I do know, among whom he lived, bear evidence of those qualities fitted to adorn every station of life in which he was placed.

PROCEEDINGS OF FRATERNAL BODIES.

The following proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions have been received and distributed as usual, since my last report:

Arkansas,	Iowa,	New Jersey,
Arizona,	Illinois,	New York,
Alabama,	Kentucky,	Oregon,
Connecticut,	Kansas,	Ohio,
Colorado,	Maryland,	Pennsylvania,
California,	Michigan,	South Dakota,
Canada,	Mass., and R. I.	Tennessee,
England and Wales,	Minnesota,	Texas,
District of Columbia,	Montana,	Vermont,
Florida,	Maine,	Virginia,
Georgia,	Missouri,	Washington,
Great Priory Victoria,	North Dakota,	West Virginia,
Indiana,	New Hampshire,	Wisconsin,
Indian Territory,	Nebraska,	Wyoming,

The following Commanderies have paid dues:

April 8.	Plantagenet, No. 1	\$48 00 -
11.	Raleigh, No. 4	36 00 -
15.	Durham, No. 3	23 00 -
17.	St. Aldeman, No. 12	14 00
21.	St. John, No. 10	22 00 -

May	2.	Piedmont, No. 6	45 00
	2.	Charlotte, No. 2	48 00
	8.	Mt. Lebanon, No. 7	21 00
	9.	Ivanhoe, No. 8	30 00
	13.	Cyrene, No. 5	49 00

\$336 00

Plantagenet, No. 1, has lost by death 1.

Charlotte, No 2, has lost by death 2.

Piedmont, No. 6, has lost by death 2.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 7, has lost by death 3.

Also the following loss and gain during the Templar year:

Durham, No. 3, lost 5.

Cyrene, No. 5, gained 1.

Piedmont, No. 6, gained 2.

Ivanhoe, No. 8, gained 1.

St. George, No. 9, lost 1.

St. John, No. 10, gained 2.

St. Aldeman, No. 12, gained 2.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 7, lost 3.

Courteously submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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June	1.	To balance on hand as per last report	\$416 89
	10.	" Cash from Piedmont Commandery	50 00
	15.	" " St. John's " No. 10	25 00
	24.	" " Plantagenet " No. 1	25 00
	27.	" " Durham " No. 3	25 00
	28.	" " Charlotte " No. 2	25 00
Sept.	28.	" " Cyrene " No. 5	25 00
Sept	28.	" " Raleigh " No. 4	25 00

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April	13.	" " H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder	36 00
	16.	" " " "	71 00
	22.	" " " "	14 00
	25.	" " " "	22 00
May	5.	" " " "	45 00
	8.	" " " "	48 00
	9.	" " " "	21 00
	14.	" " " "	79 00

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May 21.	By cash paid	Jno. C. Chase, D. G. C.	\$28 35
June 10.	" "	Jackson & Bell	175 15
10.	" "	Dues Grand Encampment	18 10
Sept. 21.	" "	W. S. Liddell, Gr. Commander . .	310 00
21.	" "	R. H. Bradley, Gr. Sentinel . . .	44 90
Dec. 7.	" "	H. H. Munson	18 49

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May 4.	" "	J. H. Hackburn, Gr. Gen'l'o. . . .	16 05
4.	" "	Jackson & Bell	4 25
4.	" "	H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder . . .	50 00
4.	" "	H. H. Munson, Expense office . .	12 03
4.	" "	Wm. Simpson, postage	1 23
7.	" "	W. A. Withers, D. G. C.	10 50
13.	" "	W. S. Liddell, Gr. Com. expenses	62 50
13.	" "	R. H. Bradley, Gr. Sentinel	10 95
13.	" "	Wm. Simpson, Gr. Treasurer . . .	7 50
20.	" "	H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder . . .	5 44
20.	" "	on hand	177 43

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The Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

Your committee also recommend that that part of the Grand Recorder's Report relating to the frontispiece of the Grand Commanders be referred to the Grand Recorder, to secure the same for insertion in our present proceedings.

And your Committee further recommend that that part of the Grand Recorder's Report relating to the Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your Committee also recommend that that part of the Grand Recorder's Report, relating to Library, be adopted and recommend (James Southgate) a committee of one to investigate and report on same.

Your Committee find that DeMolai No. 11, of Oxford and St. George No. 9, of Tarboro, have not paid their dues to the Grand Commandery for this year.

All of which is courteously submitted.

(Signed) D. G. MAXWELL,
W. H. APPLEWHITE,
WILL C. FRENCH,
Committee.

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations find nothing to report.

D. E. ALLEN,

F. ULRICH,

R. H. GRANT,

Committee.

Accepted.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following special committees :

On New Jurisdictions : Sir Knights Moye, Norfleet and Bullock.

On Observance of Days : Sir Knights Cobb, Southgate and Withers.

On Triennial at Pittsburg 1898 : Sir Knights Hackburn, M. D. Bailey and Maxwell.

On Uniform : Sir Knights Willard, Ulrich and Allen.

On Orphan Asylum : Sir Knights Schaum, Moye and McQueen.

Sir M. S. Willard from the Committee on Uniforms submitted the following which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Uniforms, beg leave to report that they concur in the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander that cuffs be restored as part of the uniform and recommend that the Grand Commandery do order their restoration.

M. S. WILLARD,

F. ULRICH.

D. E. ALLEN,

Committee.

Sir Knight D. E. Allen introduced to the Grand Commandery Sir Frank P. Millburn, of Mayesville Commandery, Mayesville, Ky., and Levi P. Hazen, Hanselman Commandery No. 126, Cincinnati, O., who were warmly welcomed by the Grand Commander and invited to seats in this Grand Body.

Sir J. H. Hackburn submitted the following for Committee on Triennial at Pittsburg in 1898, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

In regard to recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander, that a committee be appointed looking to the proper representation of this Grand Commandery at the Triennial at Pittsburg in 1898, we endorse and advise its adoption.

J. H. HACKBURN,

M. D. BAILEY,

D. G. MAXWELL,

Committee.

Sir Knight F. M. Moye, P. G. C., from Committee on New Jurisdictions, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of N. C.:

We, your committee appointed to report on that part of R. E. G. C's address relating to new Grand Commanderies, beg leave to say, that we hail and welcome to the sisterhood of Grand Commanderies the new Grand Commanderies of Florida, Indian Territory and District of Columbia, which have been duly constituted under warrant of Most Eminent Grand Masters Hugh McCurdy and Warren LaRue Thomas. The Grand Commandery of North Carolina congratulates them on the high position they have attained in our noble order, and wishes for them a large measure of prosperity and usefulness in disseminating the grand principles of Templarism.

The Grand Commandery of North Carolina desires to be firmly united in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love with these new Grand Commanderies, and will feel honored by an early exchange of Grand Representatives.

Courteously submitted,

F. M. MOYE,
JAS. K. NORFLEET,
J. D. BULLOCK,

Committee.

Sir A. H. Cobb, P. G. C., from Committee on Necrology, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of N. C.:

Your Committee on Necrology beg leave to report as follows:

That on the silent page whereon will be inscribed the names of our deceased Fraters, there will appear but slight allusion to the memory of those whose virtues, were they better known, would call for deep and touching tribute. It is more often our misfortune than our fault, that in far distant Maine or still farther California, there may have passed to rest some Frater whose light was not hid under a bushel, but bright and brilliant shed its rays abroad, a beacon on the sea of life to some storm-tossed soul.

Among those of sister jurisdictions we select as most eminent that veteran in Masonic work, Wm. Bryan Isaacs, whose memory deserves more than passing tribute. An active Masonic life of fifty-three years bespeaks the great possibilities that therein lie, but when we add to this the simple words, "he loved his fellow man," it gives to us a broad, expansive view of that beautiful lesson, a point within a circle.

To those so near, to those whose memory we revere, we place a tender hand upon the silent chair, press our feet in paths they may have trod, stimulated by the life well lived, cautioned in sadness by the life that's wasted.

And thus we close life's one brief page, confident in the birth of our risen Lord and hopeful of that blessed re-union in the sweet bye and bye.

Courteously submitted,

A. H. COBB,

For Committee.

Sir Stewart McQueen, from Committee on Orphan Asylum, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Orphan Asylum beg leave to report: We recommend the adoption of the R. E. Grand Commander's suggestion as set forth in his address with reference to the Orphan Asylum; and, further, that there be a standing committee from this Grand Body charged with the duty of looking after the interests and welfare of that institution.

F. G. SCHAUM,
STEWART MCQUEEN,
F. M. MOYE,

Committee.

On motion of Sir W. C. French, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for ensuing Templar year under the supervision of Sir Knights Nading and Belt, tellers, resulting as follows:

William B. Withers.....	Raleigh.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
Joseph H. Hackburn....	Newbern.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Mumford D. Baily.....	Winston.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
Walter E. Storm.....	Wilmington...	E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. Chas. L. Hoffman..	Charlotte.....	E. Grand Prelate.
William F. Randolph....	Asheville.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
James D. Bullock..	Wilson.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
William Simpson.....	Raleigh.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
Horace H. Munson.....	Wilmington...	E. Grand Recorder.

APPOINTED.

DeWitt E. Allen.....	Charlotte.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
John C. Drewy....	Raleigh.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Edward P. Bailey....	Wilmington...	E. Grand Warder.
Robert H. Bradley.....	Raleigh.....	E. Grand Guard.

The following special committees were appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, viz:

Oxford Orphan Asylum: F. M. Moye, Ch'm; A. H. Cobb, M. S. Willard.
The Triennial at Pittsburg: J. H. Hackburn, Ch'm; M. D. Bailey, J. D. Bullock.

The Grand Commandery adjourned 'till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment. Officers in their stations.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Sir Knight Robertson from the Committee on Time and Place for holding next Annual Conclave, submitted the following which was adopted.

We recommend Wednesday after the second Tuesday of May 1897 at 8 o'clock, p. m. as the time, and Wilmington as the place.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following which was adopted :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence presents the following report:

In regard to Grand Commander's Report in granting dispensations we coincide with him and approve his actions.

In regard to restoration of the cuffs, we refer the report to the Committee on Uniforms.

Referring to the section of the Recorder's address relative to Grand Representatives referred to us by Finance Committee, we recommend no change be made.

W. E. STORM,
M. D. BAILEY,
D. G. MAXWELL,
Committee.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers by the retiring Grand Commander W. S. Liddell, Sir M. S. Willard as Grand Marshal.

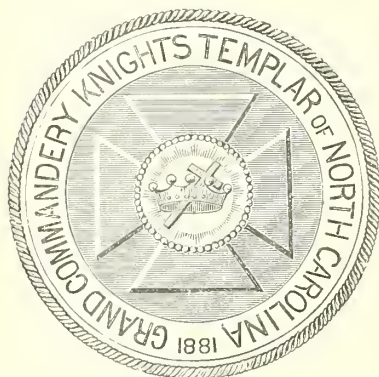
The Grand Commandery by motion expressed its sympathy with an afflicted Sir Knight in the sudden loss of a beloved wife by standing in a reverent attitude while the Grand Prelate led the devotions.

Sir W. S. Liddell, P. G. C., offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered the Sir Knights of St. John Commandery, and ladies of Newbern for the courtesies and kindly attention paid this Grand Body during our stay among them.

Sir J. L. Cantwell (by permission) offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Officers for the prompt and faithful discharge of duty.



No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Commandery closed at 5:10 o'clock P. M. in solemn and ample form.

✠ WILLIAM A. WITHERS,
Grand Commander.

Attest.

✠ *Horace H. Munson*
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF
Subordinate Commanderies
FOR THE YEAR 1896.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

FOR THE YEAR 1896.

PLANTAGENT COMMANDERY No. 1—WILMINGTON.

Time of stated Conclave : Second Wednesday each month,
8 P. M.

OFFICERS.

E. P. Bailey	Eminent Commander.
R. H. Grant	Generalissimo.
W. P. Toomer	Captain General.
J. L. Cantwell	Prelate.
J. C. Munds	Treasurer.
H. G. Smallbones	Recorder.
A. S. Heide	Senior Warden.
J. C. Loder	Junior Warden.
E. V. Baltzer	Standard Bearer.
J. W. Jackson	Sword Bearer.
U. M. Robinson	Warder.
Tom Johnson	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, W. W., P. G. C.	Harris, Geo.	Morton, G. L.
Boatwright, E. P.	Horne, J. M.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.
Burbark, T. S.	Jones, W. C.	Noble, M. C. S.
Chadbourn, W. H., P. C.	Kanan, W. R., P. C.	Post, J. F., Jr.
Chadbourn, J. H., Jr.	Knowles, F. M.	Price, R. W.
Chase, J. C., P. C.	Latimer, E. S.	Scott, A. L.
Comfort, C. I.	Lawrence, J. M.	Smith, W. J.
Evans, DeLancy.	Mann, J. C., P. C.	Stedman, F. H.
Forshee, J. M.	Martin, E. S., P. C.	Storm, W. E., P. C.
French, G. Y.	McEachern, D.	Williams, W. A. P. C.
French, J. McD.	McKeithan, D. T.	Willard, M. S.
Hall, S. G.	Monroe, I. W.	Williams, D. M.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY No. 2—CHARLOTTE.

Time of stated Conclave: Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

T. R. Robertson	Eminent Commander.
T. S. Fuanklin	Generalissimo.
R. W. Smith	Captain General.
A. G. Brenizer	Prelate, P. C.
Geo. H. King	Treasurer.
Geo. A. Page	Recorder.
S. H. Hilton	Senior Warden.
W. B. Summersett	Junior Warden.
H. C. Herring	Standard Bearer.
R. E. McDonald	Sword Bearer.
D. G. Maxwell	Warder.
W. M. Smith	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, D. E.	Eccles, H. C.	Meredith, Geo. W.
Anderson, Wm. P. C.	Farrior Jno.	Misenheimer, J. F.
Belk, J. M.	Fitzgerald, W. H.	Morse, J. H.
Belk, W. H.	Helms, J. D.	Neese, S. W.
Burgess, E. S.	Hopkins, Chas. L.	Owens, W. W.
Carpenter, J. B.	Hotchkiss, L. L.	Quinn, M. C.
Clarkson, Heriot.	Hunt, F. D.	Reinhardt, R. S.
Creasy, W. S.	Lawton, C. L.	Robertson, J. F.
Curtis, F. O. S.	Liddell, W. S. P. C.	Springs H. G.
Davis, B. S.	Lipscomb, C. F.	Williams, W. H.
Day, H. M.	McAden, J. H. P. C.	Worrell, W. M.
Dixon, H. M.	McFarland, J. T.	Young, E. F.

DURHAM COMMANDERY No. 3—DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave: First Tuesday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

James Southgate	Eminent Commander.
James Gattis	Generalissimo.
William A. Slater	Captain General.
Herbert J. Bass	Prelate.
Thomas E. Cheek	Treasurer.
Charles C. Taylor	Recorder.

William L. Wall	Senior Warden.
John L. Markham	Junior Warden.
Norman M. Johnson	Standard Bearer.
James W. Blackwell	Sword Bearer.
Merritt H. Jones	Warder.
Wyatt P. Rollins	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Atkinson, L. A.	Lee, J. W.	Parrish, E. J.
Bishop, F. A.	Markham, F. D.	Wilbon, John D.
Blackwell, W. T.	McQueen, S.	Yates, E. A.
Carr, J. S.	Nichols, John	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4—RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

Z. P. Smith	Eminent Commander.
W. E. Faison	Generalissimo.
R. B. DeVault	Captain General.
B. R. Lacy	Prelate.
Wm. Simpson, (P. C.)	Treasurer.
W. A. Withers, (P. C.)	Recorder.
M. Bowes, (P. C.)	Senior Warden.
W. R. Blake	Junior Warden.
T. W. Blake	Standard Bearer.
C. F. Massey	Sword Bearer.
Charles Wallin	Warder.
R. H. Bradley	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Adams, D. L.	Greason, H. B.	Thompson, Jno. W.
Andrews, A. C.	Hamilton, S. D.	Ueltschi, Jacob, Jr.
Bain, W. H.	Harrell, E. G.	Uzzell, E. M.
Busbee, F. H.	Heartt, L. D.	Wait, S. D.
Cowan, H. M.	Irby, Benjamin	Walters, G. N.
Dobson, J. F.	Jones, W. E.	Watson, F. A.
Drewy, John C. P. C.	Potter, E. C.	Wetherell, W. P.
Edwards, C. B.	Sexton, J. A.	Woodruff, C. A. P. G. C.

CYRENE COMMANDERY No. 5—ASHEVILLE.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John A. Nichols	Eminent Commander.
Wm. L. Shope	Generalissimo.
John A. Wagner	Captain General.
Hilliard F. Chreitzberg	Prelate.
Henry C. Fagg	Treasurer.
Marcus W. Robertson	Recorder.
Claude H. Miller	Senior Warden.
Thomas J. Reed	Junior Warden.
John W. Schartle	Standard Bearer.
Thomas Lawson	Sword Bearer.
Rufus J. Sherrell	Warder.
Charles C. McCarty	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brookshire, Jas. M.	Glenn, Eli Renfro.	Rathbone, Rev. S. F.
Brookshire, Jno. A.	Gudger, Wm. J.	Reed, Mark L.
Burroughs, Jas. A.	Hilliard, Wm. D.	Sprinkles, Wm. C.
Brevard, John D.	Herndon, David F.	Smith, Van,
Burrage, John H.	Howard, Jno. L.	Tweed, Chapel W.
Bell, Rev. Geo. H.	Jacobs, Fred L.	Taylor, Hugh B.
Collins, D. Kinsey	Moore, Charles A.	Toms, Charles F.
Cobb, A. H. R. E. P. G. C.	Moore, Walter E.	Vance, Robert B.
Carter John H.	Martin, James G.	Weeks, Francis M.
Dickerson, Jos. E.	Porter, J. A. R. E. P. G. C.	Whittaker, Chas. R.
Fullenwider, Ed. H.	Porter, Robert R.	Williams, John H.
Fletcher, Robert, L.	Randolph, Wm. F.	Woody, John H.
Gudger, Hezekiah A.		

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY No. 6—WINSTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert E. Dalton	Eminent Commander.
Robert H. Jones	Generalissimo.
James K. Norfleet	Captain General.
Robert E. Caldwell	Prelate,
Fred G. Schaum	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith	Recorder.
Rufus W. Nading	Senior Warden.

Thomas L. Farrow	Junior Warden.
Wm. E. Franklin	Standard Bearer.
Albert J. Hauser	Sword Bearer.
Wm. C. Brown	Warder.
Peter W. Dalton	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, S. E.	Griffeth, J. W.	Quincey, G. R.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Hunter, J. W., P. E. C.	Rich, E. D.
Bahnson, H. T., P. E. C.	Hanes, P. H.	Ruffin, J. A.
Bahnson, W. G.	Jones, E. L.	Spach, E.
Bailey, M. D., P. E. C.	Johnston, R. D.	Summerell, W. H.
Bessent, J. C.	Long, V. W.	Transon, R. E.
Brown, W. T.	Mast, D. P., P. E. C.	White, J. A.
DeVane, D. L.	McArthur, R. M.	Wilson, N. S.
Dalton, R. I.	Mann, F. W.	Wilson, P. A. P. E. C.
Dalton, W. E.	Norfleet, R. C.	Whitaker, C. L.
Ebert, E. A.	Price, J. C.	Yerex, J. W.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY No. 7—WILSON.

Time of stated Conclave : 7:30 P. M. on the Fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Applewhite	Eminent Commander
S. C. Wells	Generalissimo., P. C.
J. D. Bullock	Captain General., P. C.
F. M. Moye	Prelate., P. G. C.
B. F. Briggs	Treasurer., P. C.
Boykin, W. J.	Recorder., P. C.
R. S. Barnes	Senior Warden,
Jas. Lipscomb	Junior Warden.
T. B. Sugg	Standard Bearer.
E. C. Exum	Sword Bearer.
R. G. Briggs	Warder.
W. P. Snakenburg	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Cobb, Jas. T.	Hayes Jas. W.	Richardson, W. W.
Daniel, Willie.	Harriss, W. J.	Ward, W. M.
Farmer, Wiley.	Peacock, J. K.	Ward J. M.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 8—GREENSBORO.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Albert H. Alderman	Eminent Commander.
H. C. Berger	Generalissimo.
W. C. French	Captain General.
Obed. W. Carr	Treasurer.
H. H. Cartland	Prelate.
G. W. Whitsett	Recorder.
Samuel Brown	Senior Warden.
J. J. Thornton	Junior Warden.
C. M. Vanstory	Standard Bearer.
C. C. Johnson	Sword Bearer.
B. E. Jones	Warder.
J. M. Williams	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Alderman, S. L.	Holt, Edwin C.	Newell, Dwight W.
Dodson, S. C.	Holt, Jas. H., Jr.	Richardson, W. R.
Eckle, Eugene	Hackett, C. M.	Stubbs, A. H., P. C.
Glenn, J. D., P. C.	Ireland, C. H.	Stevens, Jesse H.
Groom Pinkney, L.	Kantner, J. E.	Short, J. F.
Hall, N. L., P. C.	Lindley, J. Van.	Woodroffe, Geo.

ST. GEORGE COMMANDERY No. 9—TARBORO.

Time of stated Conclave: First Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. R. Pender	Eminent Commander.
G. R. Gaskill	Generalissimo.
Donald Williams	Captain General.
H. I. Clarke	Prelate.
John W. Cotten	Treasurer.
C. J. Austin	Recorder.
A. M. Fairly	Senior Warden.
J. M. Baker	Junior Warden.
E. B. Hartman	Standard Bearer.
George Studdard	Sword Bearer.
Oven Williams, Jr.	Warder.
George Howard, Jr	Sentinel.

ST JOHN COMMANDERY NO. 10—NEWBERN.

Time of stated Conclave: First and Third Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Ferdinand Ulrich	Eminent Commander.
Hugh J. Lovick	Generalissimo.
S. R. Street	Caprain General.
J. B. Clark	Prelate.
T. A. Green	Treasurer.
B. B. Neal	Recorder.
James Redmond	Senior Warden.
J. C. Green	Junior Warden.
L. J. Taylor	Standard Bearer.
E. F. Rowe	Sword Bearer.
T. F. McCarthy	Warder.
W. R. Wartors	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Abbott, D. H.	Daniels, Thos.	Henderson, Geo.
Bryan, H. R. Jr.	Guion, O. H.	Hackburn, J. H.
Basnight, J. S.	Hackburn, E. B.	McIntosh, W. A.
Bradham, C. D.		

ST. ALDEMAR COMMANDERY NO. 12—ENFIELD.

Time of Stated Conclave: Third Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

David Bell	Eminent Commander.
J. J. Whitaker	Generalissimo.
W. F. Parker	Captain General.
F. L. Pippin	Prelate.
J. H. Parker	Treasurer.
Jno. A. Collins	Recorder.
W. D. Pittman	Senior Warden.
C. E. McGwigan	Junior Warden.
H. S. Harrison	Standard Bearer.
F. W. Gregory	Sword Bearer.
M. J. Carr	Warder.
C. A. Williams	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Atkinson, H. C.	Taylor, Thos. H.
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STATISTICAL TABLES

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Abstract Returns of Subordinate Commanderies.

COMMANDERIES.	Number.	LOCATION.	Members 1895.	Knights.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Members 1896.
Plantagenet	1	Wilmington	48	1	1	1	1	..	..	48
Charlotte	2	Charlotte	48	2	..	..	2	..	..	48
Durham	3	Durham	28	..	..	1	..	4	..	23
Raleigh	4	Raleigh	36	1	..	1	..	..	..	36
Cyrene	5	Asheville	48	5	..	..	..	4	..	49
Piedmont	6	Winston	43	5	..	1	2	..	..	45
Mt. Lebanon	7	Wilson	23	..	1	1	3	..	..	20
Ivanhoe	8	Greensboro	29	2	..	1	..	..	..	30
St. George	9	Tarboro	13	..	..	1	..	..	..	12
St. John	10	Newbern	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	22
St. Aldemar	12	Enfield	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	14
.. . . . .		.. . . . .	348	20	2	7	8	8	..	347

Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina

From 1881 to 1896 Inclusive.

Year	GRAND COMMANDERS.	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.	GRAND GENERALISSIMOS.	GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND RECORDERS.
1881	Horace H. Munson	Lee W. Battle	George H. King	*Samuel S. Everitt	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1882	Horace H. Munson	Lee W. Battle	George H. King	Julian S. Carr	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1883	†Eugene Grissom	George H. King	*Andrew J. Blair	William R. Cox	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1884	†Eugene Grissom	*Andrew J. Blair	*George W. Blount	David G. Maxwell	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1885	*Donald W. Bain	George H. King	John A. Porter	William W. Allen	William Simpson	James C. Munds.
1886	*Donald W. Bain	John A. Porter	William W. Allen	Carl A. Woodruff	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1887	Carle A. Woodruff	William W. Allen	*Francis H. Glover	*Edward M. Nadal	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1888	John A. Porter	*Edward M. Nadal	*Francis H. Glover	Alfred H. Stubbs	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1889	John A. Porter	William W. Allen	James Southgate	Eugene S. Martin	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1890	William W. Allen	James Southgate	Eugene S. Martin	Francis M. Moye	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1891	William W. Allen	James Southgate	Eugene S. Martin	Francis M. Moye	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1892	James Southgate	Eugene S. Martin	Francis M. Moye	Peter A. Wilson, Jr	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1893	Francis M. Moye	Alphonso H. Cobb	Peter A. Wilson	John C. Chase	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1894	Alphonso H. Cobb	John C. Chase	Walter S. Liddell	Wm. A. Withers	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1895	Walter S. Liddell	Wm. A. Withers	Jos. H. Hackburn	James D. Glenn	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson
1896	Wm. A. Withers	Jos. H. Hackburn	Mumford D. Bailey	Walter E. Storn	William Simpson	Horace H. Munson

*Deceased. †Removed from Jurisdiction.

EMINENT COMMANDERS.

William H. Chadbourn	Plantagenet No. 1.
William R. Kenan	Plantagenet No. 1.
Walter E. Storm	Plantagenet No. 1.
E. P. Bailey	Plantagenet No. 1.
A. G. Brenizer	Charlotte No. 2.
John H. McAden	Charlotte No. 2.
William Anderson	Charlotte No. 2.
T. R. Robertson	Charlotte No. 2.
William L. Wall	Durham No. 3.
James Southgate	Durham No. 3.
John C. Drewry	Raleigh No. 4.
Michael Bowes	Raleigh No. 4.
William Simpson	Raleigh No. 4.
Z. P. Smith	Raleigh No. 4.
John A. Nichols	Cyrene No. 5.
F. L. Jacobs	Cyrene No. 5.
William F. Randolph	Cyrene No. 5.
Munford D. Bailey	Piedmont No. 6.
Henry T. Bahnson	Piedmont No. 6.
Daniel P. Mast	Piedmont No. 6.
Samuel H. Smith	Piedmont No. 6.
Robert E. Dalton	Piedmont No. 6.
Stephen C. Wells	Mt. Lebanon No. 7.
James D. Bullock	Mt. Lebanon No. 7.
Benjamin F. Briggs	Mt. Lebanon No. 7.
W. H. Applewhite	Mt. Lebanon No. 7.
John J. Thornton	Ivanhoe No. 8.
Charles H. Ireland	Ivanhoe No. 8.
Nathaniel N. S. Hall	Ivanhoe No. 8.
Sidney L. Alderman	Ivanhoe No. 8.
Albert H. Alderman	Ivanhoe No. 8.
John W. Cotten	St. George No. 9.
George Howard, Jr.	St. George No. 9.
J. N. Pender	St. George No. 9.
J. H. Hackburn	St. John No. 10.
F. Ulrich	St. John No. 10.
William J. Boykin	DeMolai No. 11.
Simeon H. Smith	DeMolai No. 11.
B. S. Royster	DeMolai No. 11.
David Bell	St. Aldemar No. 12.

Subordinate Commanderies Working Under the Jurisdiction of the
Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	DATE OF CHARTERS.	RECORDERS.
Plantagenet.....	1	Wilmington	New Hanover.....	May 11, 1881	H. G. Smallbones.
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg	May 11, 1881	Geo. A. Page.
Durham	3	Durham.....	Durham.....	May 11, 1881	Chas. C. Taylor.
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh.....	Wake	Oct. 11, 1882	Wm. A. Withers.
Cyrene.....	5	Asheville.....	Buncombe	Oct. 11, 1882	M. W. Robertson.
Piedmont	6	Winston.....	Forsyth	Oct. 15, 1884	Samuel H. Smith.
Mt. Lebanon.....	7	Wilson	Wilson	Oct. 15, 1884	W. J. Boykin.
Ivanhoe	8	Greensboro	Guilford.....	Aug. 2, 1887	G. W. Whitsett.
St. George.....	9	Tarboro	Edgecombe.....	June —, 1892	C. J. Austin.
St. John.....	10	Newbern	Craven.....	Feb. 15, 1893	B. B. Neal.
DeMolai.....	12	Oxford.....	Granville .....	.....	.....
St. Aldemar	12	Enfield.....	Halifax.....	May 9, 1894	John A. Collins.

Grand Representatives Commissioned by the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	FROM NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POSTOFFICE.
Alabama	John B. Porterfield . . .	Tuscumbia.
Arkansas	John L. Sumpter	Hot Springs.
California	Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco.
Colorado	William T. Bridwell . .	Canon City.
Connecticut	James H. Welsh	Danbury.
District of Columbia	John H. Olcott	Washington.
Georgia	James L. Fleming	Augusta.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard . . .	Chicago.
Indiana	William J. Robie	Richmond.
Indian Territory	James A. Scott	Muscogee.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	Edward P. Allen	Independence.
Kentucky	Henry T. Jefferson . . .	Louisville.
Louisiana	William H. Chaffe . . .	New Orleans.
Maine	Edmund McMurdan . . .	Augusta.
Maryland	Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore.
Massachusetts and R. I.	Edward L. Freeman . . .	Central Falls.
Minnesota	John C. Munro	St. Cloud.
Mississippi	William P. Fowler	
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
Nebraska	W. K. Williams	York.
New Hampshire	Don. H. Woodward . . .	Keene.
New Jersey	Joseph D. Congdon . . .	Paterson.
New York	William Brandreth . . .	Sing Sing.
North Dakota	John D. Black	Valley City.
Ohio	William T. McLean . . .	Sidney.
Oregon	William Preston	Eugene City.
Pennsylvania	William H. Dickson . . .	Philadelphia.
South Dakota	Martin G. Carlisle . . .	DeSmith.
Tennessee	W. C. Smith	Nashville.
Texas	Daniel S. Malvin	Austin.
Vermont	William H. Vinton . . .	Battleboro.
Virginia	Elbert C. Walthall . . .	Richmond.
West Virginia	S. B. Crandall	Huntington.
Wisconsin	George C. Teall	Eau Claire.
Washington	James D. DeMattos . . .	Whitcover.
Wyoming	Perry L. Smith	Rawlins.

Grand Representatives Commissioned to the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POSTOFFICE.
Alabama	Rev. Geo. H. Bell	Bell.
Arkansas	H. T. Bahnson	Salem.
California	Samuel H. Smith	Winston.
Colorado	James D. Glenn	Greensboro.
Connecticut	M. D. Bailey	Winston.
District of Columbia	Thomas R. Robertson . .	Charlotte.
Georgia		
Illinois	Julian S. Carr	Durham.
Indiana	James Southgate	Durham.
Indian Territory	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
Iowa	Eugene S. Martin	Wilmington.
Kansas	William Simpson	Raleigh.
Kentucky	A. G. Brenizer	Charlotte.
Louisiana	Jacob E. Kautner	Greensboro.
Maine	John A. Porter	Asheville.
Maryland	William F. Randolph . . .	Asheville.
Massachusetts and R. I.	George H. King	Charlotte.
Minnesota	Francis M. Moye	Wilson.
Mississippi	J. W. Hunter	Salem.
Missouri	W. L. Wall	Durham.
Nebraska	Alphonso H. Cobb	Asheville.
New Hampshire	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
New Jersey	S. E. Allen	Winston.
New York	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
North Dakota	Joseph H. Hackburn . . .	Newbern.
Ohio	John J. Thornton	Greensboro.
Oregon	*Thos. H. Pritchard, D.D.	Charlotte.
Pennsylvania	E. J. Parrish	Durham.
South Dakota	Charles J. Austin	Tarboro.
Tennessee	William R. Kenan	Wilmington.
Texas	Michael Bowes	Raleigh.
Vermont	Walter E. Storm	Wilmington.
Virginia	Alfred H. Stubbs	Greensboro.
West Virginia	Rev. Walter S. Creasy . .	Winston.
Wisconsin	William H. Chadbourn . .	Wilmington.
Washington	John C. Chase	Wilmington.
Wyoming	William A. Withers	Raleigh.

*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Arizona	Douglas Snyder	Tucson.
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
Australia	Charles Chapman	271 Collins St., Victoria.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Masonic Temp., Denver.
Connecticut	Eli C. Birdsey	Meridian.
Canada	Daniel Spry, Gr. Chancellor	288 Princess St., London, Ontario
District of Columbia	I. L. Johnson	Washington
England and Wales	John Crossland Hay	Mark Masons' Hall.
Georgia	Samuel P. Hamilton	Savannah.
Grand Encampment	William H. Mayo	Security Bld, St. L., Mo.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	1900 Mas. Tem., Chicago
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Leo E. Bennett	Muskogee.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Ireland	Davenport Crosswaite	Dublin.
Kansas	Andrew W. Callahan	211 E. Ave., Topeka.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore, Brown's whf.
Massachusetts & R. I.	Benjamin W. Rowell	Lynn.
Michigan	John A. Gerow	Detroit.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	Security Bld, St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	John F. Shafer	Albany.
North Carolina	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	John N. Bell	Dayton.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	Mont. H. Smith	Masonic Temp., Phila.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Scotland	C. C. Nesbit	Edinburg.
Tennessee	Wilbur F. Foster	Nashville.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Victoria	J. C. Kennedy, Gr. Chan	36 Darling St., So. Yarra, Melbourne.
Washington	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	Robert C. Dunnington	Fairmont.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	John C. Baird	Cheyenne.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD

IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

TEXAS—

SIR JAMES SORLEY, P. G. C.,

May 2, 1895.

IOWA—

CYRUS W. EATON, P. G. C.,

May 12, 1895.

VIRGINIA—

WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS, P. G. C.,

June 9, 1895.

CALIFORNIA—

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, P. G. C.,

September 1, 1895.

PENNSYLVANIA—

SIR GRANT WEIDMAN, P. G. C.,

November 11, 1895.

MICHIGAN—

ROBERT B. MCKNIGHT, G. S. W.,

November 27, 1895.

OHIO—

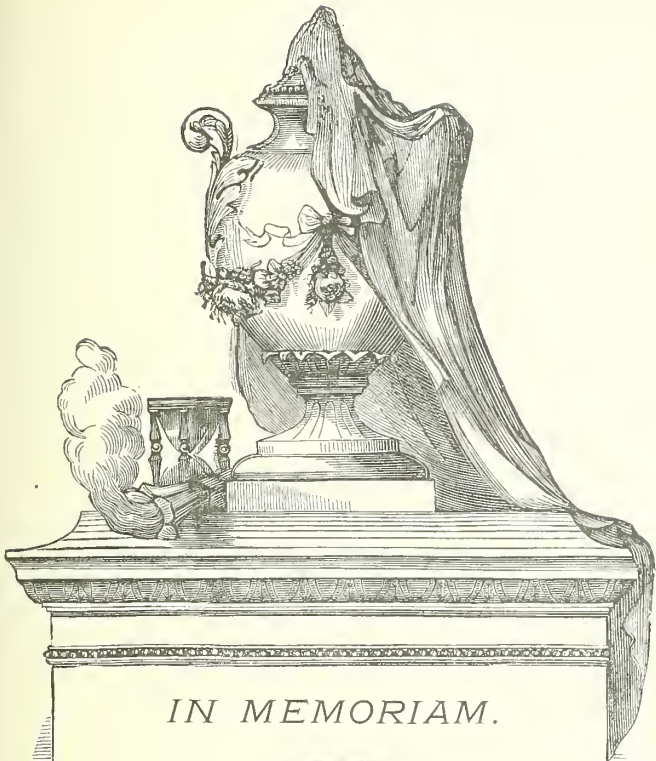
SIR HENRY H. TATUM, P. G. C.,

December 1, 1895.

NEW YORK—

SIR THOMAS C. CRITTENDEN, P. G. C.,

February 3, 1896.



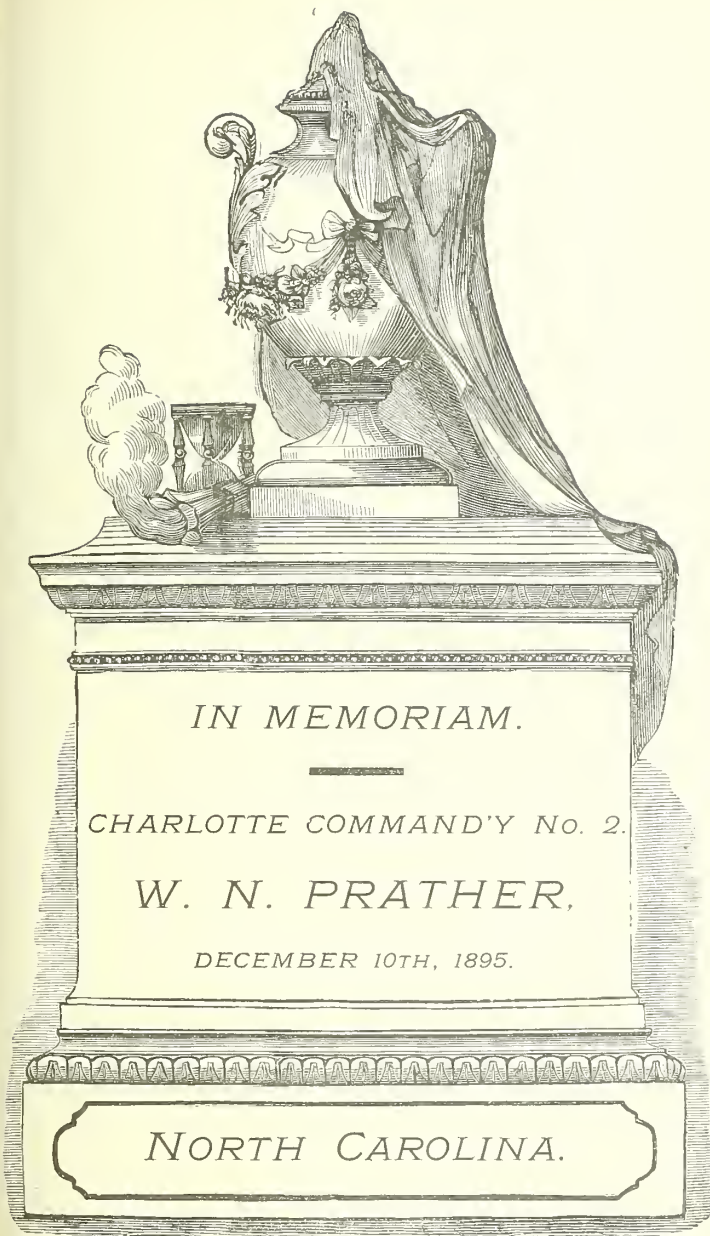
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PLANTAGENET COM'D'Y No. 1.

JOHN H. DANIEL,

JULY 23RD, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.



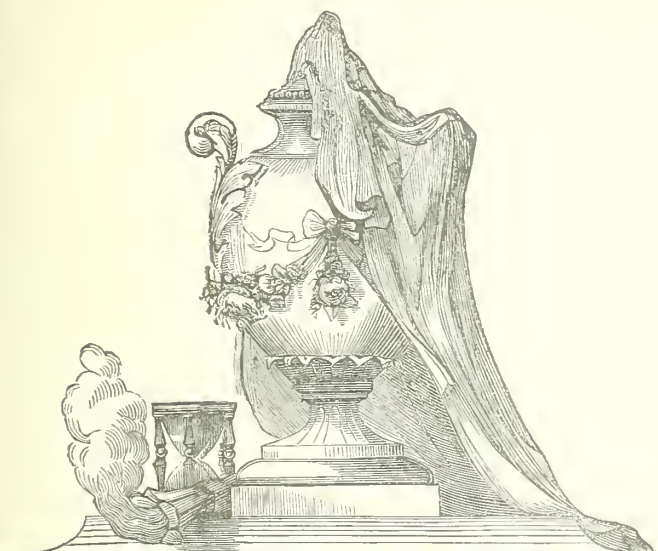
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W. N. PRATHER,

DECEMBER 10TH, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.



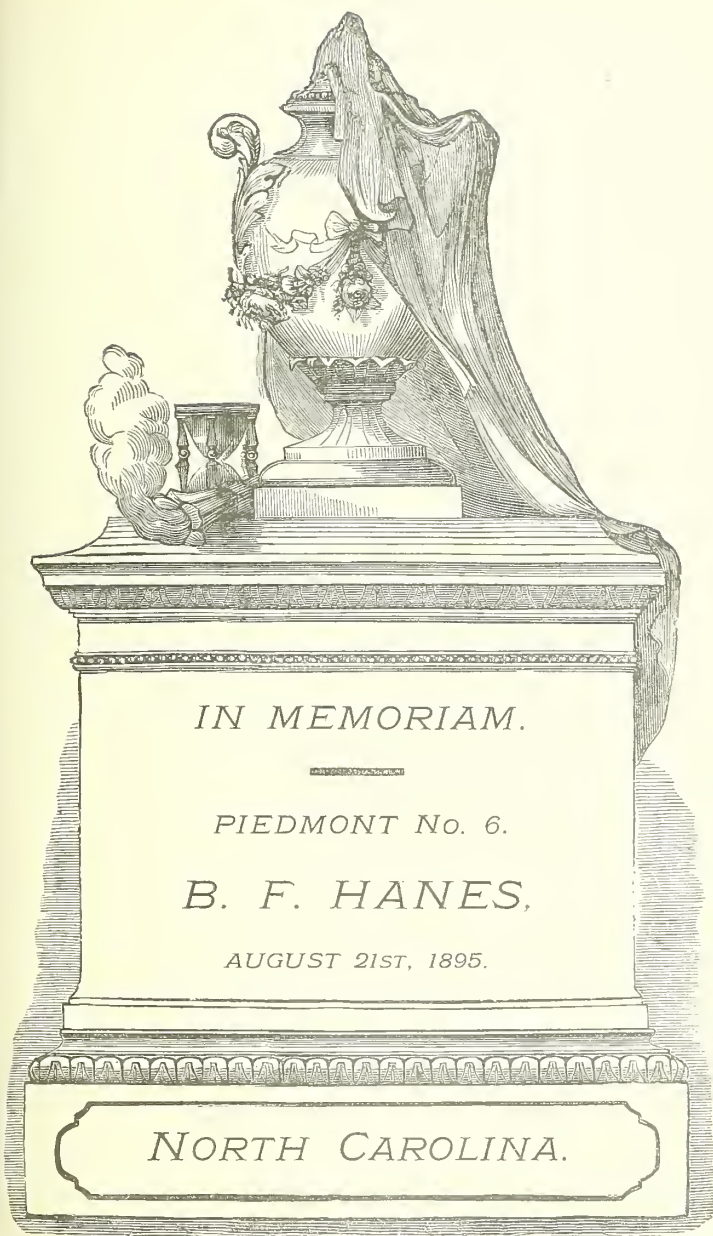
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CHARLOTTE No. 2.

J. S. BOYNE.

FEBRUARY 15TH, 1896.

NORTH CAROLINA.



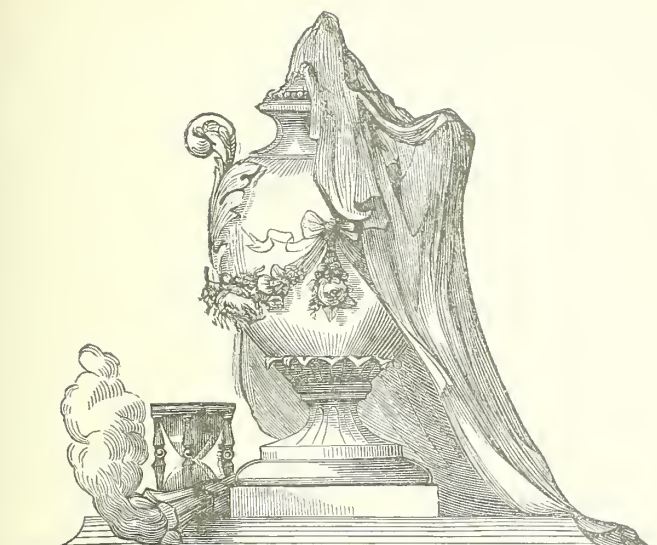
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PIEDMONT No. 6.

B. F. HANES,

AUGUST 21ST, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.



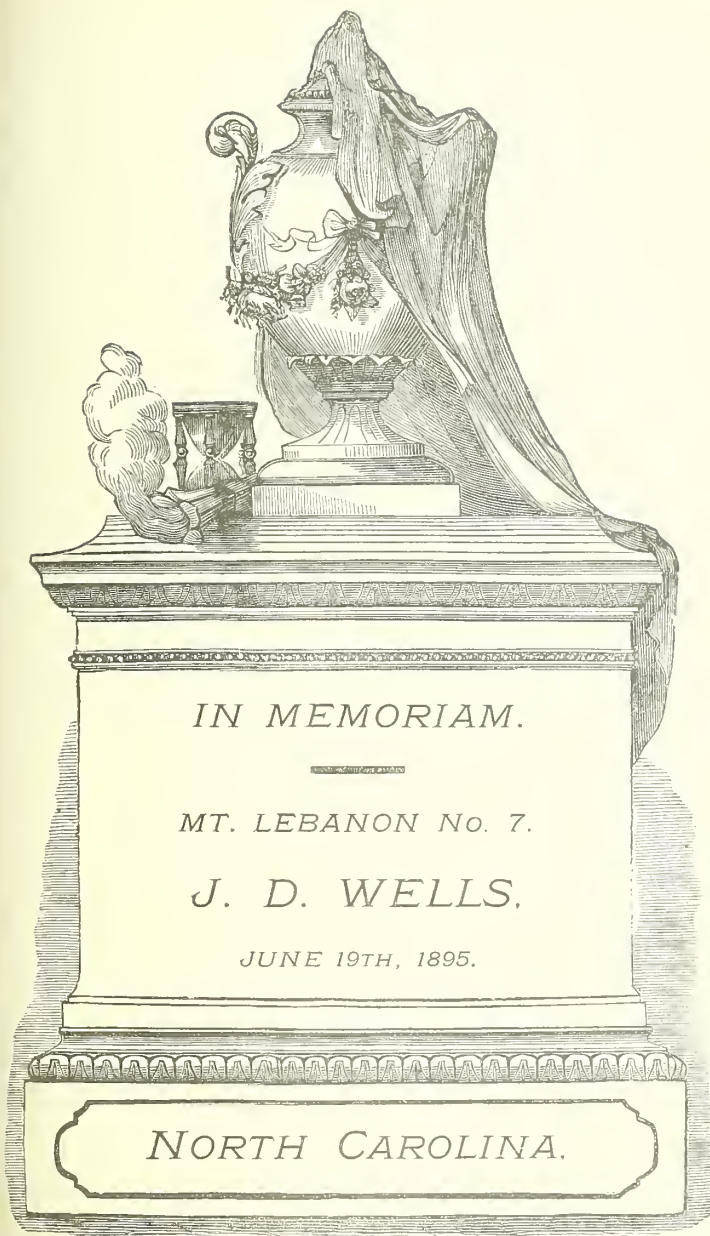
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PIEDMONT No. 6.

JOHN H. WHITE,

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.



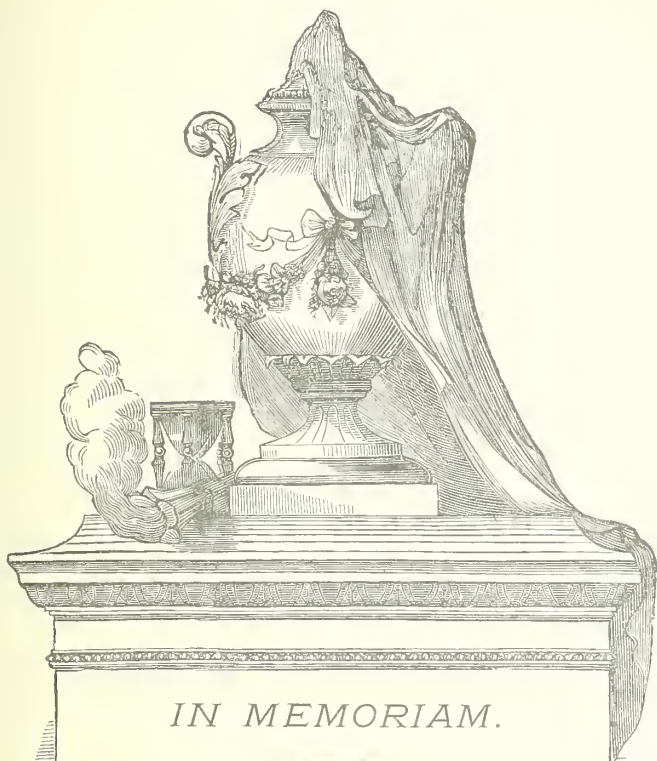
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MT. LEBANON No. 7.

J. D. WELLS,

JUNE 19TH, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.



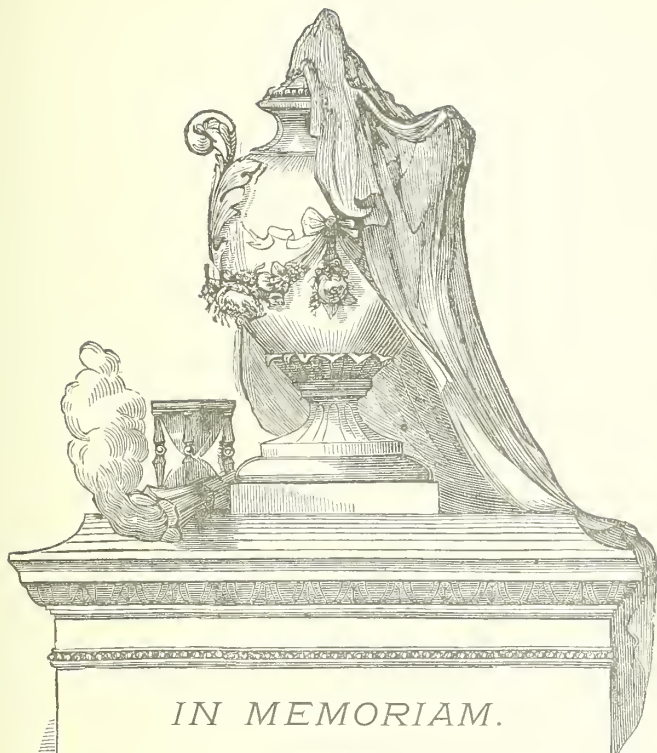
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MT. LEBANON No. 7.

E. M. NADAL,

APRIL 13TH, 1896.

NORTH CAROLINA.



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MT. LEBANON No. 7.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,

NOVEMBER 27TH, 1895.

NORTH CAROLINA.

REPORT OF THE

Committee on Correspondence.

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To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents his third Report for your consideration. The Proceedings received have been reviewed in alphabetical order, but the full Roster not being on hand at this writing, the delinquents will be found at the foot of the line, if they appear in time for such disposition.

ALABAMA.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Mobile, May 8th, 1895.

SIR CHARLES WHEELLOCK R. E. Grand Commander.

Two Grand Officers and one Commandery failed to respond at the roll-call. No mention made of the presence of any of those ornamental appendages known as Grand Representatives, yet they "have them on the list."

The Grand Commander's address is quite brief, after the correspondence and various General and Special Orders are eliminated. He announces peace and prosperity as prevailing, and that zeal and devotion are evidenced by an increased membership. The decease of Grand Recorder Edmund R. Hastings and Grand Captain General Milton C. Baldrige, is announced in appropriate terms, and noted dead of sister jurisdictions receive due mention. No decisions reported and of the half-dozen dispensations granted, three were to permit balloting out of time and two to permit election and installation of officers after the regular time had passed.

Two Commanderies participated in the Christmas Observance.

The Recorder of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, in his report, states :

"That the Sir Knights of this Commandery contributed liberally in money and appropriate gifts to the Mercy Home and Society of United Charities, thus making this Christmas day a day of happiness and rejoicing to others as well as themselves."

Good idea, if not a new one, and worthy of adoption by *all* Commanderies observing the day.

Sickness of family prevented official visitation, but the reports of the Grand Officers are considered as very gratifying.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$398 to his credit, which is about seventy-five per cent. of the amount with which he began the fiscal year.

The reports of the Grand Officers indicate that they zealously discharged the duties assigned to them, which brought its own reward in the shape of knightly courtesy and hospitality.

The evening session was devoted to devotional services at Christ Church, conducted by Grand Prelate Rev. Owen P. Fitzsimmons, after which he "delivered a chaste, beautiful and highly instructive address," of which no copy could be had for publication, according to the Grand Recorder's report.

The "Afterwards" mantle of our lamented Frater Hastings has evidently fallen upon capable shoulders, for under the head of "Excursion Down the Bay" we have a description of what must have been an exceedingly enjoyable conclusion to this Grand Conclave.

The action taken two years ago in regard to embellishing the Proceedings with portraits of Past Grand Commanders, bears fruit this year, and Sir Knights Charles Wheelock and John G. Smith are thus favored and have biographical notices in addition.

Now comes Frater George F. Moore with his seventh Report on Correspondence, which fills 36 solid pages with entertaining and instructive reading. It is a new departure in the line of reports. He has abandoned the usual way of reviewing each jurisdiction separately, and presents "a com-

parison of the views and opinions" of the correspondents arranged under the heads of "The Ritual, Knights of Malta, Rendition of the Ritual, Observance of Days, Christmas Toast, Grand Representatives, Special Dispensations, Decisions and the Grand Encampment."

He says that the work of preparing the report is increased, and we are inclined to think that a large majority of the Correspondents will prefer the "old way," some perhaps for the reason that they could not make a success of the new departure, as Frater Moore has done. Furthermore, we believe that the average reader will prefer to know more about the family affairs of the various Grand Commanderies.

Frater Moore is not very ardently in love with the new Ritual, but realizes, to use his own words, that he is "in a helpless and hopeless minority on this subject." He believes that "both the opening and closing Ceremonies of Grand Commanderies should be revised, and indeed prescribed, in view of the recent changes in other directions." He puts in a strong plea, backed up by the opinions of other distinguished Sir Knights, for impressiveness in rendering the Ritual and is inclined to ascribe the lack to "the 'step-ladder' system of electing officers, which prevails in Masonic bodies." We shall not differ with him on that issue, but so long as such a small portion of humanity is endowed with the dramatic instinct, we see but little hope for improvement in the average rendition of the work. Phonographic cylinders are suggested as a possible remedy, and we are not sure but what he is more than half right.

He objects to the appellation of "Christmas Libation" and evidently does not believe in the use of wine upon the occasion, as he queries why the toast could not be drunk with water, and on this point we are in accord.

The use of "Valiant and Magnanimous" in a resolution adopted at our last Grand Conclave affords a text for condemning "such high sounding titles" outside of the Asylum. Again we say, agreed!

He still considers the Grand Representative system the "roaring farce" that he had formerly characterized it, and finds that the Correspondence Committees "are almost unanimous in their opposition to it." Noting our discovery that a few held about all of the honors in Louisiana, he says:

"We respectfully submit that the Louisiana system is the proper one. Extend it to its legitimate *conclusion* and let one Sir Knight represent *all* of the Grand Commanderies near his own. It would not injure his health, nor diminish his income."

It might be made the especial prerogative of the Deputy Grand Commander, who is not usually overworked and is generally classed with the fifth wheel of a coach, or the vermiform appendix, being as useless as the former is traditionally supposed to be, but possessing none of the dangers that are popularly credited to the latter.

His review and discussion of the various dispensations that he has noted, are very entertaining, but space forbids quoting. He cites several opinions on the question of "perpetual jurisdiction," as exemplified in the California case, and appears to be "agin it." He says that rejection is not necessarily a badge of dishonor, and that while a malicious or spiteful person may prevent a good Mason from becoming a Templar, it is easy to devise a remedy. Let the candidate be required to state whether he has ever been rejected and the Commandery last applied to can ascertain the cause. He considers that the second Commandery receiving the application is better qualified to act upon it than the one which rejected him. We are not fully in favor with these views, but they are entitled to careful consideration.

There is much more that we would like to quote from this admirable report, but the limits of time and space call upon us to desist. He closes with a heartfelt tribute to the memory of Grand Recorder Hastings and Past Grand Commander Holtzclaw, and announces this report as being his *eighth*, although last year's was the *sixth*. We regret not having

had the pleasure of meeting Frater Moore at the Triennial.

Ten Commanderies, 376 Knights; gain 8.

Sir Fletcher J. Cowart, Troy, Grand Commander.

Sir H. Clay Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

Sir George F. Moore, Montgomery, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Montgomery, May 13th, 1896.

ARIZONA.

SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Phoenix, November 14th, 1894.

GEORGE J. R. SKRUGE, R. E. Grand Commander.

All but two of the Grand Officers present and all of the Commanderies represented. Three Grand Representatives were also in attendance, which are all they had accredited up to that time.

The Grand Commander reports with pleasure that the administration of affairs has called for but little official attention. The Order has been fairly prosperous, and he hopes that the accessions make up in quality what they lack in quantity. Peace and prosperity prevail and devout thanks are returned to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for manifold blessings. The Grand Commandery mourns the loss of Sir Harry B. Lighthizer, Grand Generalissimo, and fraternal dead of other jurisdictions are briefly noted. One dispensation was issued, to elect officers, but no decisions were called for. One official visitation was made.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$199 as the Commandery funds.

Proceedings of local interest only.

An elaborate mourning page appears to the memory of Sir Knight Lighthizer, who had filled and was serving in several Masonic official positions at the time of his decease. He having been the Correspondent, there is, therefore, no report.

R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, officially visited the Conclave, and was duly received with Grand Honors and a hearty welcome from the Grand Commander.

Three Commanderies, 103 Knights; gain 3.

Sir Alexander G. Oliver, Prescott, Grand Commander.

Sir George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Recorder.

Sir Archibald J. Sampson, Phoenix, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Prescott, November 13th, 1895.

ARKANSAS.

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Pine Bluff, April 16th, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM M. MELLETTE, R. E. Grand Commander.

Four Grand Officers absent and three Commanderies unrepresented. North Carolina's representative not being present reduced the number of the faithful to eleven.

The Grand Commander's address is a high-toned production, of good length and with no padding. Says that he cannot report any great advancement, but considers it due to the general business depression that has existed throughout the country, and does not believe that there is any lack of real interest in the cause. Reports having re-constituted Baldwin Commandery, whose forfeited charter was ordered restored at the last Annual Conclave, provided they complied with certain conditions. He was unable to make any official visitations and declined to grant the only dispensation asked for, which was to ballot for some candidates out of time. He did not consider the reasons given as sufficient, which we presume means that they were in a hurry to get through in time to go to the Triennial. He reports a general failure of the Commanderies to comply with the Edicts requiring them to assemble twice a year for drill, and it appears that there is

a general disinclination of the Sir Knights to respond to a summons to attend for such a purpose, and those who do attend are equally averse to disciplining the delinquents.

His only decision is on the following:

"How can an Eminent Commander obey the Edicts of the Grand Commandery when a Subordinate Commandery refuses to discipline a Sir Knight who refuses to obey a summons to attend inspection and drill? "

He can only reply that the Eminent Commander has done all that is in his power, and that there would be good cause to arrest the charter of a Commandery that persisted in refusing to discipline a Sir Knight thus offending.

A heartfelt tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Sword Bearer, Sir I. W. Bruce, who was called hence during the year, and fraternal dead of sister jurisdictions receive brief mention.

The Grand Commander attended the Easter service of Jaques de Molay Commandery at Fort Smith, and he thus expresses himself thereon:

"I am strongly of the opinion that much good comes from such observances, and hope to see the day when every Commandery in this Jurisdiction and through the land will be found conducting services on Easter Sunday."

The Triennial Committee reported that they had secured desirable quarters and the committee was continued to perfect the arrangements.

The balance in the treasury, by the Grand Treasurer's report, is \$542, a goodly increase during the year.

The Grand Commandery accepts the situation on the summons question, by adopting a resolution that instead of a *summons* to attend for the purposes of inspection and drill, a written *request* be sent. A resolution was also adopted requiring the Grand Commander to notify all Commanderies to comply with the regulations regarding uniforms within sixty days from May 1st, any failure in compliance to subject them to discipline.

Sir Knight F. J. H. Rickon presents his third Report on Correspondence, in which thirty-seven Grand Bodies receive

careful and discriminating attention, to the extent of 74 pages. His line of attack is laid out as follows, and we think that he has admirably succeeded:

"We have endeavored as much as possible to confine the report to the transactions as printed, as we are of the opinion that our brethren do not so much care for our personal opinion on these questions as they do to know what is transpiring in the Templar world."

He has a little skirmish with Sir Knight Coxe, of Iowa, on the erroneous rendering of several proper names, and it would appear that the honors are easy between them. It is the usual question, whether printer or penman.

Commenting upon a Massachusetts decision that Commanderies should "state upon the notices of the several Conclaves the names in full of all candidates subject to ballot," he says:

"This decision strikes a keynote, and we only wish it was the practice for all commanderies to put the names of candidates on their notice cards for meetings; it would then be impossible for any one to say that had he known that so and so's name was coming up he would have been present, as every one would have had due notice of the fact."

We shall be obliged to disagree with our Frater on this point. We regard the publication of the names of candidates on notices of meetings as a very bad practice. We believe that the outside world should know as little as possible about prospective accessions to our fraternal bodies until the candidate's "calling and election are sure." If he is not elected he stands a better chance of being saved the chagrin of having the general public know of his rejection.

Commenting upon Sir Knight Hedge's view, that Templars should parade oftener, even if the occasions are not strictly Masonic, he says:

"While the question of frequent parades may have its benefits, we are decidedly opposed to parade and display of Templarism on any and all occasions, and think that it is a very wise law that restricts them to strictly Masonic occasions."

True enough, but we find that there is considerable elasticity in the various Grand Commanderies in deciding *what*

are "Masonic occasions," and our Frater throws no light on the subject.

North Carolina for 1894 receives courteous notice, and we are sure that the mutilation of our late Frater Lampman's name was unintentional, probably the fault of the printer.

Under Ohio he mildly disapproves of the use by Templars of the National flag, except, perhaps, in public parades, as in the Asylum it conveys no lesson and is not alluded to in the work, while the other banners are peculiarly a part of our paraphernalia.

Reviewing South Dakota, he thinks that it is rather incongruous to require an officer to give bond in such an order as ours, referring to a recommendation that the Grand Recorder be placed under bond. He appears to have forgotten the case of a delinquent Grand Recorder in a sister jurisdiction, which he mentioned on a preceding page.

Under Vermont he expresses the opinion that under our laws, escort duty on Memorial Day is not a proper occasion for Templar display, so we will modify our statement made a few lines back.

The report closes with several pages of statistics, which are very frankly credited to New York. Frater Rickon did not materialize in Boston, much to our regret.

Twelve Commanderies, 545 Knights ; gain 48.

Sir George P. Taylor, Forrest City, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir Fred. J. H. Rickon, Little Rock, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Little Rock, April 21st, 1896.

CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. San Francisco, April 18th, 1895.

SIR FRANK W. SUMNER, R. E. Grand Commander.

All but four of the Grand Officers were present and thirty-one of the thirty-three Commanderies were represented, also one under dispensation.

Thirty-one Grand Commanderies were represented by eighteen Sir Knights, showing that they have not reformed their Representative system since our last report. Commissions are a good thing, pass them around and let the boys all have a chance. North Carolina was represented by its one-fourth, but as it is no less a distinguished Sir Knight than the present Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment we ought not to complain.

Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment was announced and "received with the honors due his high station." We hope to see him at the top of the ladder in 1898, as no doubt he will be if alive at that time.

The Grand Commander presents a well written address of 21 pages and the various documents appertaining thereto appear as a supplement of 15 pages.

He announces the death of Past Grand Commanders Wm. F. Knox and George A. Johnson, also notes deceased fraters of prominence in other jurisdictions.

Says that he has granted but few dispensations, "believing that a subordinate Commandery should conform in all things to the law." Three of the four reported are for the purpose of appearing publicly in uniform.

He decides that, while there is no law preventing the renting of an Asylum to any respectable organization, the eternal fitness of things would condemn the renting of any Masonic Hall or Asylum to any society outside of the recognized bodies of Masonry.

Thirty Commanderies were officially visited, which called

for over eight thousand miles travel. Reports the Ritual well rendered as a rule and showing a higher degree of excellence than the military ceremonies in opening and closing.

Harmony and zeal prevail without controversy or grievance, excepting the "perpetual jurisdiction" matter, which now rests with the Grand Encampment.

A General Order was issued directing an observance of the Christmas Toast. One new Commandery was formed under dispensation. He has a good word to say for the system of inspection and says that the Inspectors have performed their duties with fidelity and care. He recommends that St. John the Baptist's Day be set apart as a Festal Day for parade and that public installations be had when practicable. He is a firm believer in having the National Flag carried in all parades, and says that the Grand Standard should not, being a parade banner. The general association of the Mystic Shrine with Templar Masonry is regretted and strongly condemned, as its teachings are at variance with Masonic ones. He closes with some high-toned sentiments on qualifications for the Orders and we leave this admirable address, feeling that we have done it scant justice.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$2,876 as his cash balance and they also have some \$22,000 invested funds.

Among other questions that the Committee on Jurisprudence had to wrestle with was the following, left over from last year.

"Is it right for a Commandery, out of the funds in its treasury, to pay the expense of a series of dancing parties proposed for the entertainment of such of its members and their families as should desire to attend?"

After an elaborate consideration of the question in all of its bearings, they concluded that the Commanderies could be safely trusted to adopt such proper means to promote social intercourse and harmony of feeling as would tend to awaken interest in the higher and nobler objects of Templar Knighthood, and closing as follows :

"If these objects can be best attained by giving social parties in which dancing is indulged, then we say "on with the dance," and let the Commandery pay the fiddler."

They also emphatically answered NO to the following question :

"Is it lawful for a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar to declare that he cast a rejecting ballot?"

All Past Grand Commanders attending the Triennial, were allowed to draw from the Grand Commandery funds, the amount of their car fare. The four Representatives were allowed "travelling and incidental expenses."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir William A. Davies, and fills 98 pages, with a review of the doings of 38 Grand Bodies. It is his second effort, and is well up to the standard of his former one.

North Carolina for 1894, comes in for a due proportion of space. Our Horace's "note" on practical refreshment evidently touches him in a tender and responsive spot, which conjecture is strengthened by what we saw of him at the "Mutuals' Banquet" in Boston. We did not hear anything about his prospective foray on the *beans* as intimated in his last year's report.

While there is much in his report that we would like to copy for the benefit of our readers, we shall have to content ourselves with the following :

"The proceedings of the past year seem unusually tame in the light of the buoyant anticipations which always accompany and generally precede the Triennial year.

"Although no questions of grave interests have engaged the attention of the several jurisdictions, it is probably more from a willingness to await the action of the Grand Encampment, in the revision of its Code, than from a lack of interest in the matters at issue.

"It is to be hoped that the coming Triennial Conclave will add to our peace and prosperity by relieving us from the grievous load of perpetual jurisdiction and cement the Unity of our Masonic Trinity—the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery—by giving us, in principle, dependent membership and settle by a general law, uniform in its operations, the status of non-affiliates."

We regret that his fond hopes should have met with such

a complete shipwreck and bid him farewell till another year.

Thirty-five Commanderies, 2,887 ; gain 68.

Sir Edward S. Lippitt, Petaluma, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir William A. Davies, Sacramento, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, San Francisco, April 23d, 1896.

CANADA.

TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SIR E. E. SHEPPARD, Supreme Grand Master.

A large number of the Grand Officers were absent, but nearly all of the preceptories were represented.

The Grand Master's address is rather brief but good. He states that the Assembly is much smaller than usual on account of the meeting being held at a distance from the Provinces where the Order has its greatest numerical strength. It was hoped that the Scotch Encampments in this Province would unite with this Grand Body, but the expectation failed to materialize. He considers that everything possible has been done by Grand Priory to affect this union and considers that the refusal of the two bodies to unite with Grand Priory is indefensible from a Templar standpoint. It also appears that the Knights of the Maritime Provinces have felt that they have been overlooked in the division of officers and the selection of the places of meeting, and it is hoped that the cause for complaint has now been removed. Congratulations are extended, on account of "the increased numerical strength and financial soundness of the Order." The expenses have also been reduced. A great improvement is also noticed in the work and there encouraging evidences of greater care, study

and practice. We commend the following as good sound doctrine :

"It must be remembered that no Preceptory can be attractive or successful without doing the work well and conferring the degrees with the grandeur and solemnity of which our ritual is so fully capable. Neither success in adding to our numbers nor swelling the balance in our treasury can be accepted as anything but an ephemeral evidence of what it is possible for us to accomplish, and yet permit us to go back into the apathetic condition. Unless we do our whole duty to the candidates who present themselves to our Preceptories, unless we make the exemplification of our ritual beautiful and soul-inspiring, our new members will naturally become indifferent and careless and our Chapter rooms deserted."

He makes an urgent plea for paying dues to Grand Priory and says :

"The office of Grand Chancellor (Recorder) I know to be sufficiently laborious without having added to it the work of dunning the delinquent preceptories for dues which should be paid promptly."

To this sentiment we are certain that all Grand Recorders in the "States" will respond with a devout and heart-felt *amen*.

One Preceptory working under dispensation has completed its organization and another has been granted a dispensation.

His only decision was in reference to two candidates who had been regularly balloted for and accepted and received the Red Cross Degree.

"When these candidates presented themselves for initiation in the Temple the question was asked as to whether there was any objection. An objection was made and the initiation deferred. The question being referred to me, I ruled that after the candidates had been properly accepted, paid their fee and partly initiated, and no charge had been brought against them, though an opportunity had been offered, they were entitled to their degrees."

This ruling caused some bitterness, but was enforced and harmony was eventually restored. We think that this ruling is at variance with the general custom on this side of the line.

His closing is well worthy of the place in all American Proceedings :

"I cannot close without expressing the pleasure it gave me to see the kind and fraternal feeling manifested towards us in the correspondence of the

various Templar bodies of the United States, and in the too high eulogies passed upon my last address. May Knights Templar, whereso'er dispersed on land or sea, be always united in heart and with one accord zealously devoted to the service of Christ and the fulfilment of the sacred obligations that bind us to our beloved Order and to one another. To show our affection for our fraters of the United States, who are to meet in Triennial Encampment in Boston next week, I suggest that a fraternal message be sent to M. E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master."

The reports of the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Priors fill 32 pages, and show a generally satisfactory state of affairs. The correspondence relating to the absorption of the two Scotch Encampments is quite extensive and it is unfortunate that it did not bring about the desired result. A resolution was adopted permitting the Preceptories to confer the Red Cross Degree, according to the Ritnal adopted by Great Priory, or by the one adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the 1892 Triennial Conclave. Wonder if some of our dissatisfied Sir Knights would be pleased to reciprocate?

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$1,456.00 to his credit, a slight gain during the year.

Warrants were ordered to be issued to two Preceptories that had been working under dispensation.

The Grand Chancellor reports that by order of the Supreme Grand Master he had issued eight dispensations. Two of them permitted the installation of Sir Knights as Eminent Preceptors, who had not served in the required subordinate position, which indicates that their internal law differs from ours.

Great Priory called off in the P. M. to take a trip up the river as the guest of the local Preceptory. It was an enjoyable occasion with the usual concomitants of feasting, music and dancing.

A fine portrait of the new Supreme Grand Master, Sir Will. H. Whyte appears as a fronticepiece, and memorial pages are devoted to R. E. Sir Knights, Lawrence H. Henderson, Phillip J. Slatter and Frederick J. Menet and V. E.

Sir George S. Wright, all of whom have died during the year.

The Report on Correspondence is by M. E., Sir Knight Henry Robertson, who fills 71 pages with an interesting review of the Proceedings of 33 Grand Jurisdictions, eight of them having a two year's portion. He says that the North Carolina proceedings had not been received, but they were sent to the Grand Chancellor early in June, so we are not responsible for not being noticed. We regret that we have not space for some of the good things this report contains.

Thirty-four Preceptories, 1,368 Knights; gain 95.

Sir William H. Whyte, Montreal, Supreme Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont., Grand Chancellor (re-elected).

Sir Henry Robertson, Collingwood, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Assembly, London, Ont., Sept. — 1896.

COLORADO.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Denver, June 4th, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM D. TODD, R. E. Grand Commander.

Every officer at his post and only two Commanderies unrepresented.

Sixteen Grand Representatives graced the occasion with their presence, but none appeared for North Carolina.

The Grand Commander begins his address by saying that it will not be long enough to weary them, and that he does not intend to apologize for any official sins he may have committed. The order is in a healthy condition with no cause for complaint about growth. Only one member of the Grand Commandery has been removed by death during the year—Past Commander William B. Trufant. Of the eight dispensations issued, one half were to permit public appearance in uniform, three to install officers out of time, and one to confer the Orders out of time on two Companions, by reason

of the Asylum having been destroyed by fire. We are a little at sea on the last one. He refused to sanction the employment of a "profane" as a drill master by one of the Commanderies, because some years ago the general *opinion* of the Grand Commandery was against it. So long as no *action* had been taken in the matter we should have had the courage of our convictions and given consent. He commends the Christmas Observance and appears to have issued an *order* requiring it. Seven Commanderies report compliance therewith. We are of the opinion that a request or a recommendation would be a better form of notification. Six Commanderies observed Easter Day and four Assension Day. He participated in the services in Denver on both occasions, and says they were interesting and impressive. He believes a general observance of the days would be conducive of good, both to the craft and to the public. Official visitation was indulged in to a slight extent with the usual gratifying results. Hopes that there will be a good turnout of Colorado Sir Knights at the Triennial, so as to show the Boston Fraters that they can receive hospitality as well as dispense it.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance is \$3,544, a little less than he started the year with.

A motion to permit Commanderies to employ any competent person, not a Templar, as a drill master, was voted down. It is their own affair, but we fail to see any objection.

A lace cross presented by Mrs. Sarah E. Herrick in memory of her father Sir William Vunkannon called out an appropriate resolution of thanks.

A committee was appointed to prepare and print a ritual for Christmas observance, and they were not restricted as to the cost.

The Triennial Committee reported progress and exhibited a sample of the proposed badge. They were authorized to purchase as many as they deemed necessary, and those of us who were in Boston can testify that the committee attended to the matter.

Two thousand copies of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery were ordered printed, and a special effort is to have each Sir Knight receive a copy and read it, also express an opinion as to the size of the next year's edition. If they are all obliged to *read* the copy this year we are confident that they will pronounce in favor of a smaller edition next time.

The Grand Commandery of Wyoming was invited to join forces in the trip to Boston, and the surplus funds of the Grand Commandery were placed at the disposal of the Triennial Committee. The Colorado contingent were on hand at the Triennial, and we await next year's report to see how well the surplus stood the raid.

The Report on Correspondence fills 63 pages and reviews the proceedings of all of the sister jurisdictions, 39 in number, including Canada. It is the fifteenth report by Sir Harper M. Orahood, and is fully abreast of his former well compiled efforts. Courteous notice is given to North Carolina for 1894, and the hope expressed that this writer will continue in the harness. Commenting on the uniform question he thinks "the better plan is for the Commandery to furnish the uniforms, and so have them uniform, and make the charge a part of the admission fee."

Reviewing Kentucky he expresses the opinion that where life membership in a Commandery has been acquired by compliance with regulations existing at the time, the member cannot be deprived of this vested right by subsequent legislation, or adverse decision in regard to the law under which the membership was acquired. We train in his company on this question.

Under Maryland, on the question of requiring candidates to pay a sum sufficient to buy uniform as part of the initiation fee, he says:

"We have long had this requirement in our Commanderies and its results are excellent. We have no Knights without uniforms, except occasionally

one from Maryland or some other jurisdiction, and if he affiliates here he must procure a standard uniform within four months."

We are a firm believer in having all Sir Knights uniformed, but think that a requirement to procure the uniform before the Order of the Temple was conferred, would bring about the desired result.

Under Michigan he expresses the opinion that Commanderies should not appear "except on strictly Masonic occasions."

He heartily approves the views of Grand Commander McIntosh of Ohio on the flag question. He thinks the difficulty in preparing a readable report increases each year and expresses the hope of meeting many co-workers in Boston. We are pleased to count ourself one of those that were met.

Twenty-four Commanderies. 1,648 Knights ; gain 22.

Sir William W. Rowan, Ouray, Grand Commander.

Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir Harper M. Oranhood, Denver, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Denver, June 2d, 1896.

CONNECTICUT.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Meriden, March 19, 1895.

SIR G. HERRICK WILSON, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Prelate was the only officer not present, and he accounted for his absence by wiring that he was out of the State on business. All of the Commanderies were represented. We are sure that North Carolina has a representative near the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, but his name is not among those of the twenty-one credited as being present. We must say in passing, that the list of Past Commanders present, is set up in a peculiar way, which we presume can be laid to the printer.

The Grand Commander's address is brief and business-like.

He consoles himself for the lightness of official labors by quoting the ancient apothegm that "those who are governed least are governed best." Heartfelt tributes are paid to the memory of Past Grand Commander, Pierre St. M. Andrews, Grand Recorder Joseph K. Wheeler, and Grand Warder, James M. Smith, all of whom have been removed by death during the year past. Mention is also made of the deceased officials of other jurisdictions.

He owns up to thirty dispensations, but seventeen permitted the conferring of the Orders on more than one candidate at the same Conclave, a proceeding that, we believe, is not objected to in any other jurisdiction. Only three of the dispensations permitted balloting out of time, and three authorized public appearance in uniform, two occasions being to attend church. Not much "fuss and feathers" or "armed piety" among the nutmeggers, if the foregoing can be taken as throwing any light upon the subject.

Two decisions were called for and were answered by referring the applicant to the Grand Commandery By-Laws.

The result of his several official visitations is summed up as follows :

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

High expectations are indulged in regarding the Triennial, and we have no doubt about their having been realized. His closing is well worth the space we take for it :

"The growth of our Order continues to be large, and we believe healthy. As a missionary organization we need only men of the best character, who can force upon society their tenets through example.

"The year has passed with no remarkable events and no evidence of great victories over the evils of public life, but we have the personal consciousness of such individual improvement as our opportunities have offered, and let us hope that the communities in which we live are better for our presence."

The Grand Treasurer reports that he has \$773 to his credit, which is about the same amount that he started out with.

The Grand Inspector reports having visited all but one of the Commanderies. His report is quite satisfactory, generally speaking, but he does not hesitate to sharply condemn on occasion. He does not believe in any departure from the new Ritual and in conclusion says :

"Many think that my criticisms have regard to trivial matters, and it may be that this is so ; but it is the small errors that we must be careful to guard against ; the large ones will take care of themselves."

We believe that the close of his term of office (five years) will show a great improvement in the work, as well as the personnel of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction.

Four hundred dollars was appropriated for entertainment at the Grand Commandery headquarters at the Triennial, and \$25 each for the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, "provided they be present at, and in attendance during the entire session of the Triennial Conclave."

Good idea that ; if all of the Grand Commanderies took such action and the roll was called at the opening and closing of each session of the Grand Encampment a much better attendance would be assured.

A committee recommended the repeal of the law requiring the permission of the Grand Commander in order to confer the Order of the Temple "upon more than one candidate at the same time" and as the report was adopted we expect that there will be a falling off in dispensations the coming year.

The Grand Commandery had the pleasure of participating in a banquet tendered by St. Elmo Commandery No. 9. Sir E. B. Everitt gracefully and eloquently welcomed the guests and the high officials, and numerous others aired their eloquence.

The proceedings are embellished with fine portraits of Grand Commander Wilson, the late Grand Recorder Wheeler, and Past Grand Commanders W. R. Higby, Henry Wood-

ward and Charles W. Carter, the last three having lengthy biographical notices.

R. E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey was appointed Grand Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frater Wheeler. He found that nothing had been done in the way of a Report on Correspondence, and if one was to appear in the proceedings, it would be a case of "get there Eli," which he did and the result is an excellent report of 65 pages, all of the Grand Bodies but Arizona and North Dakota receiving attention.

North Carolina for 1894 gets a page, principally extracts.

Frater Birdsey says that he "never anticipated 'laying down the sword' to take up the pen." If he is as handy with the former as he appears to be with the latter, we predict that he will take high rank should he offer his services, in case our present international fracas comes to a head.

We had the pleasure of meeting him at the Triennial. We had previously seen several varieties of birdseye woods, but this was the first specimen of a Birdsey(e) nutmeg that had been brought to our attention. We leave our Frater with regret, but with high expectations of meeting him another year.

Eleven Commanderies, 2,214 Knights ; gain 115.

Sir Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, Grand Commander.

Sir Eli C. Birdsey, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Bridgeport, March 17th, 1896.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

FIRST CONCLAVE.

Washington, Jan. 14th, 1896.

Representatives of the Five Commanderies stationed in the District met in a convention for the purpose of organizing a Grand Commandery, under authority of a Warrant duly issued by the Most Eminent Grand Master.

The Convention was called to order by M. E. Grand Master

Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, who, after the reading of the Warrant, proceeded to constitute the Grand Commandery in due form.

A Constitution and Rules for Government were presented and adopted, also the design for a seal. The officers elected were installed by the M. E. Grand Master.

"Aftermath" recounts the festivities of the occasion, which were a reception in honor of the M. E. Grand Master and his wife, followed by a "hop." We fancy that anything of the "hop" nature would be likely to cause a denizen of the "Blue Grass" jurisdiction to make a "(w)rye" face. A banquet concluded the entertainment, several appropriate toasts being responded to by prominent Sir Knights.

This Grand Commandery is the last on the list at this writing, being numbered forty-three. It starts out with a large membership and we trust that a bright and glorious future lies before it.

We note the following among the "Standing Resolutions" adopted.

"Commanderies obedient to this Grand Commandery may appear in full Templar uniform for observance of appropriate ceremonies on Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day without special dispensation."

We approve the idea, but hold that the Grand Commandery cannot assume powers that the law of the Grand Encampment places in the hands of the Grand Commander. Title XI, Section 31 explicitly says that "Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without the permission of the Grand Commander, except on funeral occasions."

The proceedings contain a list of the Grand Commanderies of the United States arranged according to the date of their organization and a complete list of officers and members of Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction.

Five Commanderies, 1,532 Knights.

Sir Noble D. Lerner, Washington, Grand Commander.

Sir I. LaRue Johnson, Washington, Grand Recorder.

Next Conclave, not announced.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE EARL OF LATHOM, the Very High and Eminent
Great Prior.

The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Dependeneies thereof, held its half-yearly meeting at Mark Mason's Hall in London, on May 10th, 1895, the Very Eminent Sub Prior, The Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, presiding.

The volume of Proceedings before us contains 39 pages, of which 27 are devoted to a list of officers and members of the National Great Priory, with a roll of the Preeceptories belonging to it.

At the preceding meeting, a committee had been appointed to consider the relations existing between the National Great Priories and the Convent General. The Committee, after full consideration of the ease, report that Convent General, having failed to unite the Order, should cease to exist, although the way of putting an end to it is a matter of considerable difficulty. They present a plan, however, which provides that H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, be invited to become the Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom, and that the Governing Body in each country shall elect its own Grand Master. The report was received and it was voted that an address be presented to His Royal Highness, who is the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, praying him to dissolve Convent General, and also to permit himself to be named "Sovereign of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in the United Kingdom."

Warrants were issued to two new Preeceptories during the year.

The Treasurer's accounts show a balance of £649 to his credit.

The death of two Provinceial Priors was announceed, and

after suitable action a collection was lifted and the Great Priory duly closed.

A Priory of the Order of Malta having been opened, nine Sir Knights were admitted into the Order of Malta, the accolade being given by the V. E. National Sub-Prior. The Priory was then closed and the third, and last, stage of the proceedings begun in the shape of a banquet, presided over by the National Sub-Prior, of which no details are given.

No Report on Correspondence.

There appear to be 116 Preceptories, but we are unable to find any record of the number of Sir Knights.

The Earl of Lathom, Very High and Eminent Great Prior.

The E. Knight R. Loveland Loveland, Chancellor.

FLORIDA.

FIRST CONCLAVE.

Jacksonville, August 15th, 1895.

Representatives of three chartered Commanderies in the State of Florida, met in convention to organize a Grand Commandery, pursuant to a call issued by Past Commander, Sir William A. McLean, acting as proxy for M. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

The Warrant having been read, a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed, which in due time presented their report, and the result of their labors was unanimously adopted as a whole.

The Convention then adjourned and the organization of the Grand Commandery took place. Officers were elected and installed, and the usual routine business transacted. Charters were granted to two Commanderies that had been working under dispensation. The expenses of organization were levied on the three Commanderies interested, on a per capita basis.

No statistics are given and those we append are derived

from the Grand Encampment returns. We extend a cordial greeting to the new Grand Commandery and wish for it a prosperous future.

Three Commanderies, 138 Knights.

Sir William A. McLean, Jacksonville, Grand Commander.

Sir John D. Sinclair, Jacksonville, Grand Recorder.

Next Conclave, Jacksonville, May 14th, 1896.

GEORGIA.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Savannah, April 17th, 1895.

SIR PARKE WOODWARD, R. E. Grand Commander.

The officers of the Grand Commandery assembled at their headquarters and were escorted to the Asylum of Palestine Commandery, where they were received with an interesting address of welcome by Rev. and Sir A. M. Williams, which was responded to by the Grand Commander. After these exercises they had a luncheon and got down to the business of the Conclave at 10 o'clock.

The Grand Officers were all at their posts and every Commandery represented. Among the names of the twenty Grand Representatives present, we look in vain for the one that holds North Carolina's commission.

The Grand Commander recapitulates his official actions in a brief paper of some five pages. He is unable to report any great gains, but there has been some growth. He calls attention to what he considers an important matter, that is the lack of military discipline in nearly all of the Commanderies. Says that the Sir Knights should be as familiar with the sword exercise and general movements as the officers are supposed to be. One Commandery had three of the five dispensations that were issued to ballot out of time. All of the Commanderies have been officially visited by some Grand Officer. The visitors evidently had a good time, if they did

not find everything up to the desired standard. He commends the Christmas Observance, and in closing, compliments highly the work of the Correspondent, Sir Roland B. Hall. He certainly knows "good work" when he sees it.

They seem to be in a healthy financial condition, as the Grand Treasurer reports his cash as being \$704, an increase of nearly forty per cent during the year.

The Committee on Triennial reported that they had made arrangements for headquarters.

The Committee on the proposed Widows' and Orphans' Home made a verbal report, and as the plan did not appear feasible, the money previously appropriated was ordered covered back into the treasury.

In the evening, devotional exercises were held at the Baptist church. The services of the liturgy were conducted by Grand Prelate Hape, and Rev. and Sir Knight Goodwin delivered a polished address on the "Creed of Masonry," which the account says "will long live in the hearts and memory of those who were privileged to hear it." The address appears in the proceedings.

A committee was appointed to procure a new banner to replace the one destroyed by fire.

An excursion down the river took place the second day, and they went so far that some of the inland Sir Knights were obliged to pay tribute to the ruler of another jurisdiction. A knowledge of the tactics and work do not count for much at such a time.

Portraits of Past Grand Commanders W. B. Young and Charles R. Armstrong embellish the proceedings.

Sir Knight Roland B. Hall presents his seventh Report on Correspondence, filling 94 pages with a courteous review of all of the Templar Bodies.

North Carolina for 1894 is noticed, and we sincerely thank Sir Knight Hall for his personal expression of sympathy.

Careful reading discovers little, if anything, on which to differ with him.

From Ohio we quote his criticism of Grand Commander McIntosh's views on the flag question:

"We confess to some disappointment at the perusal of the following 'grand stand play.' What need to lug into Templarism the question of patriotism as evidenced by marching under a National flag? We yield to no one, to-day, in our devotion to our country as now constituted (though we once fought under another flag), yet we do not deem it necessary to prove our loyalty by carrying around with us the stars and stripes. For our part, we believe that any other than an emblem of the Order is out of place in a procession of Knights Templar. We are glad to note that the Grand Commandery, through its committee, was not, as the old darkey said, so *survivors* on the subject as was Sir McIntosh."

Referring to a comment by Sir Knight Foster, of Tennessee, on the Georgia Grand Commandery's appropriation of \$100 for music and \$50 for the Committee on Correspondence, and his advising Sir Knight Hall to have his future reports set to music, Frater Hall says:

"In defense of our Fraters on this point, we will say that they love music, and the preparation of our reports is a labor of love. So long as our Fraters at home are pleased with our labors, and we continue to receive such compliments from the distinguished coterie of writers as comprise the band of mutuals, we shall not kick upon the smallness of our pecuniary remuneration."

From the extracts that he has made, we would think that our Georgia Frater had found sufficient precedent for the Grand Commandery acting as an escort for the Grand Lodge on any proper occasion.

Regretting that he did not show up with the "Mutuals" in Boston, we take our leave for another year with a quotation from his conclusion:

"Pleasant it is to commune with the bright, congenial spirits of those who compose the Corps of Correspondents. But few are known to us personally. Yet for each and all we entertain the strongest friendship, and feel as though we had intimately known them for years. We have enjoyed their words of cheer and profited by their wisdom. Feeling thus, it is sad to realize that they are rapidly passing away, and that it will never be our happy privilege to view many of them in this life."

Ten Commanderies, 679 Knights; gain 32.

Sir Joseph K. Orr, Macon, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir Roland B. Hall, Macon, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Columbus, April 15th, 1896.

ILLINOIS.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Chicago, October 22d, 1895.

SIR HENRY H. MONTGOMERY, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers were all at their posts, and sixty-three of the sixty-four chartered Commanderies were represented. There was also a large attendance of permanent members, with representatives from thirty-one Grand Commanderies, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address fills 35 pages, but the greater portion consists of the various orders issued and correspondence. He begins with rejoicing at the peace and prosperity of the country, the welfare of the order at home, and that Templarism is in the van of all progress as evidenced by the great outpouring at the Triennial. Six members of the Grand Commandery have died during the year, but none had held official position. Other fraternal dead are noted.

A dispensation was issued to form a new Commandery, and two that were working U D. were Constituted. He requested that due observance be made of Easter Day, and recommended that Ascension Day be observed also. Fifty-four Commanderies report having observed one or both of the days and he is highly gratified at the increased interest shown. He issued the unlucky number of thirteen dispensations to ballot on candidate ahead of the regular time, "for good and sufficient reasons." Numerous other dispensations were issued but they appear to be all right; at least the Committee on Jurisprudence found no fault with them. The greater number were to permit public appearance in uniform, but one con-

sents to an actual "*invasion*" by an Iowa Commandery. He is asked if "it is consistent with Knighthood," that a minister invited to conduct services on Easter evening, "should illustrate his sermon with magic scenes of the crucifixion, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ." While desiring to give the Rev. Sir all possible latitude in the treatment of his subject, the Grand Commander is constrained to reply that he thinks that such an "illustrated sermon" would hardly be consistent or proper. He also decides that the ballot box should have as many black balls as white ones, in order to fully preserve the secrecy of the ballot.

Fifteen pages of the address are devoted to the Triennial. They had a hard time at the Parade, owing to the long wait for orders to move, and they also suffered at the hands of the contractor to furnish horses. He gives the Boston horse jockey a hard name. In a preliminary order he thus expresses himself on a crying evil:

"To the glory of Illinois and Templarism in general, I appeal to every Knight in attendance from this State, to *put himself in the ranks*. What is more humiliating when the great parade is passing, with ensigns, '*In Hoc Signo Vinces*,' gallantly borne, than to see dozens, *hundreds* of full-grown, able-bodied men in full Templar uniform, lazily leaning against trees or mingling idly among the multitude—such men claiming to be Knights Templar, *Christian Soldiers*? One bold Saracen of the Crusades would put a thousand such soldiers to flight. Let us hope that the spectacle at Boston, in this regard, will be a decided improvement upon that at Washington and Denver.

"Let every Illinois Knight be promptly on hand fully arrayed as a Knights Templar, including the Baldric, for that is an essential part of the complete uniform. The aged and infirm Knights are not expected to march in parade. All others are. But if any one of the latter has not the courage, and prefers the ease of a shady tree, let him remove his uniform.

"Fraters of Illinois, a glorious opportunity is now afforded you to visit New England. We have long been taught to 'Look to the East;' now let us *go* to the East. Our Fraters there are ready to receive us with open arms, and anxious to refute the slanderous charge that their hearts are cold and hospitality wanting."

Illinois feels very much elated on account of the Grand Encampment deciding in their favor on the perpetual jurisdiction issue.

Every Commandery has been officially inspected, and while the results have not been entirely satisfactory, a certain amount of improvement is manifest. A regular order of inspection was laid down and he says that "the Inspectors have closely followed the order, and have not been side-tracked to spend the evening in banquets as formerly." The Inspectors submitted a private report, not for publication, which will be turned over to the incoming Grand Commander. In each case the report was followed by a letter to the Eminent Commander, calling attention to the matters to be corrected. He considers it advisable to become familiar with the tactics and acquire military knowledge, and to that end, recommends an appropriation of \$500 to be used in support of an Encampment.

The reports of the Grand Officers, acting as Inspectors, are very full and complete; and from what they write, we imagine that it was not necessary to "side-track" them for banquets; they got them on a double track main line. The only official not making specific mention of this form of entertainment, was one who criticised the most severely.

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$6,362 to his credit, about twenty per cent. less than he had at the beginning of the year.

Charters were granted to two Commanderies U. D. and a dispensation was ordered to be issued to a body of Sir Knights petitioning. The like request of another body of Sir Knights was denied, although the Committee on Charters made a favorable report.

The Committee on Templar Dead present an elaborate report, eulogizing departed Fraters of their own and other afflicted jurisdictions.

The four representatives of the Grand Commandery to the Triennial, were allowed \$100 each for their expenses.

The Grand Commander decided that a waiver of jurisdiction could not be balloted upon until the next stated conclave after the one on which it was read, and must be granted by

unanimous ballot. The Committee on Jurisprudence do not approve this decision, saying that there is nothing in the laws of the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery that requires delay or unanimous ballot, and furthermore say that the laws of both bodies do declare that "at every conclave all questions (except upon the acceptance of candidates and restoration of Knights) shall be determined by a majority of votes."

The decision in regard to increasing the number of black balls in the ballot box was approved. The Committee on Jurisprudence also report on the life membership question, which came over from last year. After a full and exhaustive statement of the laws bearing upon the matter, they sum up as follows :

"Your Committee believe that the decision of the Grand Commander in holding that a by-law providing for making life members who have paid dues for twenty years, was invalid, and that no rights could be acquired thereunder, was in strict accordance with the law of the Grand Encampment and should be approved. Your Committee believe that this Grand Commandery, by taking any other position, would be placing itself in conflict with the law as declared by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Encampment."

The report was adopted, after a full debate and so the question may be considered as settled in this jurisdiction.

The retiring Grand Commander was presented with a handsome Grand Commander's jewel.

Sir John Corson Smith presents his seventh Report on Correspondence, which is a good sized volume in itself, containing 138 pages. In it he has reviewed, in his usually felicitous manner, the proceedings of forty-two Grand Bodies, the Grand Encampment, England and Wales, Canada and Victoria being among the number. It needs no apology and one would have no cause to think that it was prepared "under various and sometimes somewhat trying circumstances, and amidst pressure of exciting scenes in foreign lands or upon tempestuous seas."

He makes a half-way apology for having so much to say

about "Old Glory." No call for it dear Frater; we are sure that all understand and appreciate your feelings, even if they are not imbued with the same spirit themselves.

"Sail as we have around the globe and under the flag of almost every nation except our own, and the reader will return a greater lover of the starry banner than ever before. Visit the people of other lands, study their customs, manners and condition, and you, too, will return a better American than ever before."

Good words, true words, and just such words as would come from any lover of his country on his return from such a trip.

North Carolina for 1894 received full and kindly mention. He fully endorses Grand Commander Cobb's recommendation that the Christmas Observance be made the occasion of an offering to the Orphan's Home, and that water be the beverage used in the toast. He copies Munson's banquet effusion and says: "How that 'beverage water' must have affected them."

It was just that and nothing more. You do not know Durham and our Southgate, if you have an idea that there was anything but water on that occasion. Frater Smith has a keen appreciation of the point that their Grand Representative near our Grand Commandery, is not in the habit of attending its conclaves, although finding time to report to the body that he represents and says:

"We have long known that the man who knew the least upon any subject, was always the one that talked the most, but never before knew one who was absent to write so 'comprehensive and very pleasant a report.'"

Well he was absent this time, although the conclave was held in his own city. It is only fair to say however that he was away from home, but returned in time for the banquet, which he did not grace with his presence; and the Illinois proceedings make no mention of a report this year.

The chief interest of Frater Smith's report, centers on the account of his "Trip Around the World," which fills 60 pages and is exceedingly entertaining. He left Chicago on November 26, 1894, steering due west, and landed in New York

August 10, 1895, having spent over 100 days in actual travel, and covered a round 31,000 miles. It is hardly necessary to say that he has not "done time" as narrated in an anecdote we quote:

"A Cook's tourist from Chicago dying while in Italy, appears above and with a 'Hello' at the public 'phone hails St. Peter. The faithful guardian responds and asks, 'Who's there?' The reply comes, 'Smith of Chicago,' and on being asked what he wants he answers, 'I want to do up the music and throne room before breakfast—and would like to borrow your Baedeker.'"

He was accompanied by his daughter Ruth and we suspect from the profuseness of illustration that she had her camera along. They not only "saw the elephant," but *rode on him*, and also took passage on a "ship of the desert." It must have been equivalent to taking several more degrees in some order or other; but then he may have had practice in the "Streets of Cairo" during Exposition year. We regret that the limits of our space oblige us to leave this entertaining and instructive report, but we console ourselves with the memory of a personal meeting at the Triennial, and look forward with glad expectation to the next one.

Sixty-five Commanderies, 9,355 Knights; gain 227.

Sir Augustus L. Webster, Danville, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir John Corson Smith, Chicago, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Chicago, October 27th, 1896.

INDIANA.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Indianapolis, April 17th, 1895.

Sir Charles W. Slick, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers all there, and all of the Commanderies represented.

Twenty-two Grand Representatives graced the occasion

with their presence, but the one who holds the commission of North Carolina was not among the number.

The Grand Commander announces in appropriate terms the decease of Past Grand Commander, Joseph A. Manning and Grand Junior Warden, Emerson B. Morgan. Numerous dispensations were granted and public appearance in uniform divided the honors with balloting ahead of time. A dispensation was also issued to form a new Commandery. He decides that the death of a Sir Knight who has objected to a Companion receiving the Orders after having been elected "does not remove the objection ; however a Companion may petition again after the expiration of six months." He also says that "Sir Knights having paid their dues in full, no charges preferred against them, and making written request for dimits at a stated conclave, were dimitted, whether the Recorder issued certificates or not." This decision was called out by an attempt being made to discipline some Sir Knights who had failed to pay an assessment levied at the Conclave at which their application for dimits was presented. The following question rather reflects on the intelligence of the questioner :

"Can any one who has not received the order of Knights Templar be employed in the ceremonies of conferring the same?"

Answer. "No. Every O. B., from E. A. to the end of the list, prohibits the communication of the secrets thereof to any one not entitled to receive them."

We have some curiosity as to the use that was to be made of the "Profane." Could it have been the "Goat?"

The question was asked if the Statutes of the Grand Commandery gave "a Commandery which has no regular dues and no by-laws, but makes an occasional assessment to keep up the general expenses, the right to suspend a member for non-payment of dues." He answers "yes," also saying that the officers of such a Commandery are negligent in not having by-laws adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve this decision, however.

Answering a question as to whether the first three officers of a Commandery can dimit, he says that membership is voluntary and that he sees no reason why the officers mentioned should not have the same privileges as the members. This was approved and we do not presume to say that it is erroneous, but if certain officers are not allowed to vacate their positions by resigning we fail to see why they should be allowed to accomplish the same end by dimitting. There are other decisions of interest, but we have not space for them.

The Inspectors work was thorough and critical and is expected to be of great service. He approves of the Alabama memorial to the Grand Master regarding the unseemly use of Templar emblems at the coming Triennial, but would go a step further and "urge our M. E. Grand Master to ask all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to refrain entirely from dispensing intoxicating liquors at their respective headquarters at Boston."

He announces with pleasure the restoration of peace and harmony between the Grand Jurisdictions of New York and Indiana. He hopes that the attendance of Sir Knights at the Triennial will reflect honor and credit and cause favorable comment on the zeal and enthusiasm of the Indiana Templars. He closes with some strong words of commendation for Grand Recorder Smythe.

The Grand Treasurer has added about eight per cent. to the funds during the year, having now \$7,864. to his credit.

The Triennial Committee reported that they had the work intrusted to them well in hand, that the Grand Commandery would be centrally located and would "maintain her well deserved reputation for courtesy and hospitality." We regret that we did not have the time to verify their claim, but we have no doubt they succeeded to the full extent of their expectations.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of Grand

Commander Slick and his looks do not belie his name. Portraits also appear of the deceased Fraters J. A. Manning, P. G. C., and Emerson B. Morgan, Grand Junior Warden.

E. Sir Edward Gilbert, Inspector General, presents a detailed report of his doings, which fills 64 pages. It is well written and very interesting, but lack of space prevents quoting much that is worthy of general diffusion.

Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle presents his nth, (as we say in algebra) Report on Correspondence. He has filled 106 pages with a review of the doings of 39 Jurisdictions. It is well up to the standard of his former super-excellent efforts and our only complaint is that he does not divulge its number. Please do not neglect to do it next time, dear Frater.

North Carolina for 1894 gets a page, but all descriptive, no comments. He says we met in *Charleston*, but he is in error there, for our own State is so large that we never think of meeting outside of its borders. Which did you confuse us with, West Virginia or South Carolina? We may have a choice in that matter.

Under Kentucky he expresses his disapproval of life membership in Commanderies; says that no vested rights can accrue under an unconstitutional or invalid law, and that an old Commandery with many life memberships would be apt to become a bankrupt institution. Well that depends largely upon the financiering. We expressed our views last year under Illinois and will not take the question up again.

He thinks that the main ruling that a Templar is a member of the Commandery that confers the Order upon him, is rather a strained construction of the law.

"The intent of the regulation is to provide that every Templar becomes a member of a Commandery. The conferring of the Orders by one Commandery for another, under dispensation, is undoubtedly within the law."

Reviewing Massachusetts he expresses our own view, that publication of certain business of the Conclave should not be made in the notices of meetings, on account of their coming to the knowledge of the "profane."

He is thoroughly opposed to Sir Knight Speed's views in regard to the standing of non-affiliates, and says that membership in Masonic institutions is voluntary, that the right of withdrawal is unquestioned if no charges are pending, and "that the Lodge has no right to follow the unaffiliate beyond its lines, merely for the purpose of collecting dues."

"The system of legislation against non-affiliates cannot be productive of good. However great the evils of non-affiliation may be, they are not so injurious as the methods of curing them, which are proposed, nor the arguments that are intended to sustain these methods."

Regretting that we cannot quote him further on this topic, we bid him good-bye and lay Indiana on the shelf.

Thirty-seven Commanderies, 3,394 Knights; gain 85.

Sir Walter M. Hindman, Vincennes, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Convention for Organization and the First Conclave were held at Muskogee, December 27th, 1895.

The representatives of the three Commanderies in the Territory, met in the A. M. and organized with Past Commander Robert W. Hill, of Muskogee Commandery, No. 1, as presiding officer.

A Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting convened again in the P. M., when the report of the committee was received and adopted.

V. E. Sir W. H. Mayo, proxy of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was announced, and received with the honors due his exalted rank. He stated that he was pres-

ent to institute the Grand Commandery and install its officers, and read the Warrant of Constitution.

The Grand Commandery having been organized, the proceedings of the morning session were considered and approved, officers elected and installed, and the usual business of a Conclave attended to.

The new Grand Commandery being without funds, Muskogee Commandery was called upon for a loan, in order that they might be able to procure the "common necessities" of organized existence in the shape of stationery, printing, etc.

Muskogee Commandery still further contributed to the pleasure of the occasion by giving a reception and banquet to the new Grand Commandery and its special guest, V. E. Sir Knight Mayo, the ladies being present and the daughters of the Sir Knights serving the guests. Speech-making was also indulged in and the hope expressed that those present might participate in many similar occasions.

The By-Laws provide for an officer called the "Grand Drill Master and Inspector," who is required to be proficient in the tactics and work. He is to visit and instruct any of the Commanderies, *on Invitation*, for which service the Commandery inviting him is to pay him five dollars per day; nothing said about his expenses, which, if paid by himself, will make the emolument of the office a pretty small one.

The Sir Knights are to be required to procure uniforms within ninety days after becoming members of the Commandery, and it is recommended that the minimum fee for the Orders be made sufficient to provide the uniform.

We salute the new Grand Commandery, the forty-second star in the banner of the Grand Encampment, and wish for it all honor and prosperity.

Three Commanderies, 103 Knights.

Sir Robert W. Hill, Muskogee, Grand Commander.

Sir Leo E. Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Recorder.

No Committee on Correspondence named.

Next Conclave, Muskogee, August 10th, 1896.

IOWA.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Templar Park, July 9th, 1895.

SIR DAVID W. CLEMENTS. R. E. Grand Commander.

This Conclave, like its predecessors, was a gala occasion in Templar annals, lasting three days; the days being devoted to business and the evenings to jollification.

Only one Grand Officer failed to appear, but sixteen of the fifty-four Commanderies were unrepresented. The Representative of North Carolina was on hand and sixteen other Grand Commanderies were likewise favored.

The Grand Commander presents a well written address of eight pages, the various official papers being appended. He says that the 4,300 Sir Knights of Iowa are no small factor of influence in shaping the future of the commonwealth; "in maintaining the equality and freedom of man; in promoting our public schools and institutions of learning, and in the advancement of Christian faith, unbiased by narrow sectarianism."

There is no discount on that.

He pays a deserved tribute to the memory of Past Grand Commander Cyrus W. Eaton, and briefly notes the death of distinguished fraters in sister jurisdictions.

He says that most of the questions submitted for decision could have been answered by reference to the code. We are afraid that the Sir Knights of Iowa are as averse to exertion as those of some other jurisdictions, or perhaps they consider that the Grand Commander is there for that purpose.

A Companion was elected in a Minnesota Commandery, but failed to present himself to receive the Orders. Twenty years after, having become a resident of this jurisdiction, he is elected by one of its Commanderies. The Grand Commander decides that the unanimous consent of the Minnesota Commandery must be obtained before the candidate can receive the Orders.

We are inclined to question the necessity or correctness of

such action, for we presume that his fee had been forfeited years before, he was no longer a resident of the jurisdiction and to all intents and purposes he was in the condition of never having made application. We will say in passing that if the "Statute of Limitations" could be grafted into the stock of "Perpetual Jurisdiction" we believe that a most desirable fruit would be the result, but by the late action of the Grand Encampment any relief in that direction appears to be a long way off.

A "traveling man" who had no home and was dimitted from Lodge and Chapter, petitioned a Commandery, and it was held that he was not eligible.

He decided that a Commandery U. D. could grant a dimit and the Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with him, but the Grand Commandery, after a long discussion, sustained the decision.

Several dispensations were issued, but he did consider the "celebration of the rebuilding of a town after its destruction by fire" as a Masonic occasion.

A good word is said for the system of official inspection in vogue.

He reports the general observance by the Commanderies of Easter and Ascension Days, especially the former, and hopes that the practice will continue. A new Commandery was organized under dispensation. The necessity of preparing for the Triennial materially increased the labors of his office and he reports having found it necessary to write about one thousand official letters. A fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Commander Robb appears as a frontispiece, and he is also honored with a biographical sketch.

The funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer have shrunk from \$1,059. to \$369. during the year, but he gives an itemized statement of his disbursements, so we are sure that the shrinkage is nothing worse than a misfortune.

The Memorial Committee reported that they had erected a stone to the memory of Past Grand Commander Cyrus W.

Eaton. It is a large boulder suitably inscribed and located under a clump of trees on the shore of the lake, all being in accordance with the desire of the deceased, as expressed at the last Conclave. A fine phototype of the scene appears in the proceedings. The Grand Commandery adjourned for a time in order to dedicate the stone, which was done in an appropriate manner.

An amendment to the statutes was adopted, providing for the holding of the Annual Conclave at Templar Park, on the second week in July, which is to be known as "Templar Festival Week."

Grant's 'Tactics were officially adopted.

At a reception in the evening, three ladies were each presented with lately adopted Templar ladies' jewels as birthday mementoes. The elegant addresses of presentation, music by the "ladies band," light refreshments and fireworks, were the prominent features of the entertainment.

The two Commanderies working under dispensation were granted Charters.

The second evening was "Ladies Night" and they held high carnival. A mock dress parade with umbrellas for weapons, a Scotch Drill, Red Cross Debate and a Farce, "The Women's Rendition of the Shrine" furnished a surfeit of enjoyment for the Sir Knights. Refreshments and fireworks concluded the festivities.

Each Past Grand Commander is to be presented with a jewel of a design lately accepted and copyrighted by the Grand Commandery and the funds are to be provided by increasing the annual dues fifty cents per year, to \$1.50, if the amendment offered passes next year.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of "Father" Theodore Schreiner, who is now nearly 85 years of age and has tyled the Masonic Grand Bodies for thirty-two to thirty-six consecutive years. An interesting biographical sketch also appears, and as one gazes on the face of the venerable frater he

feels certain that the words of praise so lavishly used are bestowed upon one well worthy of them.

The Report on Correspondence again comes from the pen of our good Brother, James C. W. Coxe. Thirty-six Grand Bodies have passed in review and he has filled 76 pages with bright and sparkling comment on their doings and shortcomings. He has discovered nothing but peace, prosperity and good will in the Templar world. Finds the Triennial the chief topic of interest, all eyes being turned longingly to "the hub," and he predicts that all will have a good time, finding both "pleasure and profit in th-ir New England pilgrimage."

"When Plymouth Rock and Bunker Hill Monument can teach no lessons worthy of heed, we shall have fallen on degenerate days. Both tell a story of heroic endeavor and sublime achievement—of knightly service in the cause of truth and right. From such Meccas the Pilgrims should turn away to higher ideals and a nobler life."

Under Connecticut he thus comments on the lack of mention of Banquets received in the official visitations.

"Were Claims out of season, or were the fraters short on beans? As we come to think of it, we are grateful to the Right Eminent for his reticence in regard to this feature of his official visitations; we have sometimes been more impressed by the accounts of gastronomic feats than by any evidence of tactical skill or knightly achievement."

Quoting Sir Knight Ruckle's statement that the Christmas Observance "has not taken root in Indiana" he well and truly says:

"If its observance is to be made the occasion of revelry, as in some cases it has been, the tap root had better be cut, and that quickly."

Commenting on Frater Woodruff's views on the Grand Representative question, he expresses the opinion that "the Representative is the embodiment of the fraternal spirit" and sees "no reason for the abandonment of the system because in a few instances personal differences caused jurisdictional friction."

Under Massachusetts, quoting Frater Finch's endorsement of the view expressed by Frater Coxe, that "Knights Tem-

plar should take no part in any save strictly Masonic events," he suggests that :

"A fair application of that sentence would rule out a majority of the dispensations for appearance 'with music and banners' issued in 1894 by the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

North Carolina for 1895 is very graciously noticed and the writer's work commended beyond its merits. He corrects our assumption that their Grand Commandery was not a welcome visitor, on account of not being invited to hold its Conclave in some other locality, by saying that they have spent so much money at the Templar Park that it is imperative that the Conclaves should be held there. They are positively located there now by statute of the Grand Commandery. We regret our inability to tarry longer with our Frater, and cherish the memory of our meeting with him in Boston as one of the pleasantest recollections of the Triennial.

Fifty-four Commanderies, 4,173 Knights ; gain 57.

Sir Thomas B. Lacy, Council Bluffs, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 14th, 1896.

KANSAS.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Wichita, May 14th, 1895.

SIR ALEXANDER G. ROBB, R. E. Grand Commander

The Officers of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Hotel Cary and were escorted to the place of meeting by Mt. Olivet and Topeka Commanderies and about three hundred Sir Knights, with two bands of music.

All of the Grand Officers responded at roll call and 37 of the 42 Commanderies were represented. Only ten Grand Rep-

representatives graced the assemblage and North Carolina's was conspicuous by his absence.

The Grand Commander presented a well prepared address of 14 pages. He eulogizes in appropriate terms Grand Recorder Dwight Byington and Past Commander John L. Philbrook, who have passed away during the year, and notices at length deceased fraters of high official station in sister jurisdictions.

Four Commanderies chartered at the last Conclave have been constituted. In one case the ceremonies were semi-public, "the wives of the Sir Knights and the members of the Eastern Star being present, who afterwards gave a banquet in honor of the new Commandery in their midst." It pays to get the ladies interested, in more ways than one, and we heartily endorse the following :

"The public installation undoubtedly had a very beneficial effect, and gave the new Commandery a prestige in that community that it will not soon lose. I would suggest more of this kind of gatherings by all of our Commanderies. Let our life partners know that we are engaged in a high and holy calling ; that we teach our votaries to uphold the 'Banner of the Cross,' that the object of our order is not to degrade but to teach men to become better."

If, as above stated, the visitors gave the banquet, they paid well for the privilege of being present and the new Commandery was greatly the gainer thereby.

Some statistics that he has had compiled, show that 12 Commanderies have a little over one-half of the numerical strength of the Order in the State. The remaining 30 average 52 Sir Knights each; and he says :

"Nearly all of these 30 Commanderies are in good shape, and would be called successful Commanderies. So that the latter average of fifty-two should answer the question as to the number necessary to make a good Commandery. Bear in mind that it is not numbers that make a Commandery a success. It requires men who believe in the principles of our Order, and who are willing to give a part of their time to carry out these principles, who will attend promptly and regularly each Conclave of their commandery."

He announces with regret that the Grand Lodge has abandoned the idea of a Masonic Home. He hoped that the Grand

Encampment would eliminate some of the ambiguous and conflicting statutes, but he seems to have been doomed to disappointment. Being asked if a Commandery could be taken to an adjoining town to confer the Orders on several good men, who could not afford to make the special trips required, he replies :

"No. Charters are not granted to Commanderies to move around on wheels. We cannot afford to lower the standard of 'The Cross.' Those seeking admission into our asylums must come to our shrine. If candidates cannot afford to take the time to take the degrees, they will be of little benefit to our Order, except in paying yearly dues. The material wanted in our Commanderies is of the kind that will sacrifice a part of their time to help in building it up."

He was able to make but few visitations, but thinks that each Commandery should be visited by the Grand Commander, or his representative each year; and the Grand Commander should make an appropriation to pay for the time consumed and the expense incurred in making the visitations.

He condemns the use of the "short form" in opening, and thinks that the Ritual Committee made a mistake in allowing it, but does not object to its use in closing. He has a few well chosen words on the subject of "Temperance," and is pleased to see a growing sentiment in Templar organizations, regarding the use of intoxicants at the banquet table. He closes with the following, credited to a Maine Templar, but we suspect that the Maine Frater had no intention of claiming originality.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The Grand Commandery is in easy circumstances, for the Grand Treasurer reports having \$6,948.00, an increase of \$2, 550.00 during the year.

A grand parade and competitive drill took place in the afternoon, and a reception, concert and dance served to while away the time in the evening.

The Triennial Committee made a lengthy report, which was adopted, and the same Committee authorized to carry out their recommendations.

It was unanimously resolved that the subordinate Commanderies be *ordered* to procure an American flag, which is to be displayed in the Asylums and used in parades and on all public occasions. Well, we presume that it is all right, if they are all agreed, but we fail to see any connection with Templar work that entitles it to display or use in the Asylum. Please do not think that we have any sectional dislike for the flag, as we have nine generations of Yankees back of us, and are only an adopted son of the State that we are proud to claim as a residence.

Two dispensations were granted to form new Commanderies.

A fine steel engraved portrait of R. E. Sir Robb faces the title page, and a biographical sketch appears in the proceedings, which also contain a portrait of R. E. Sir Byington, late Grand Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence is the maiden effort of the new Grand Recorder, Sir Andrew M. Callahan, of whom we have pleasant recollections connected with the Triennial. He has filled 65 pages with a well put up review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies. North Carolina has courteous attention. He finds our statistical statement out of gear and calls on Brother Munson for an explanation. We suspect that the increase he does not understand comes from counting in the Sir Knights in the new Commanderies and not including them in the classification footings. In this connection we cannot refrain from asking an explanation of the disagreement in his own footings on page 536.

Our space is full and we must leave our frater with the hope of meeting him in the flesh in '98, and in print another year.

Forty-two Commanderies, 3,185 Knights; gain 75.

Sir Robert E. Torrington, Wichita, Grand Commander.

Sir Andrew M. Callahan, Topeka, Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Lawrence, May 12th, 1896.

KENTUCKY.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Bowling Green, May 15th, 1895.

SIR JAMES D. LEWIS, R. E. Grand Commander.

The several Commanderies present escorted the Grand Commandery to the Opera House, where divine services were conducted by Rev. Sir Knight Vergenous O. Gee, followed by an eloquent sermon from the text, "What think ye of Christ?" by Rev. Sir Francis M. Porch.

A humorous and hearty address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor's representative, which received an appropriate response from the Grand Generalissimo, Sir Reginald H. Thompson, who appears to be the talking Frater of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Officers were present, with one exception, and all but two of the Commanderies were represented. Eighteen Grand Representatives were on hand, but none responded for the "Old North State."

V. E. Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment, was introduced and received with the usual honors.

The Grand Commander's address is not of great length. He reports the year as having been an uneventful one; only the regular routine of business claiming attention. The only question he had to answer was in regard to the rightful disposition of the collection lifted at the annual Conclave in accordance with "The Office of Public Worship." He decided that it belonged to the local Commandery for use in charitable work. The Grand Commandery has been spared mortuary affliction during the year. Dispensations did not exceed a

dozen, about equally divided between public appearance in uniform and balloting ahead of the statutory time, for good and sufficient reasons. Observance of the Christmas Toast was *ordered*, but we find no record of the extent to which it took place. Owing to the financial crisis, he did not think it advisable to require the Grand Officers to take upon themselves the expense of official visitation, so the project was abandoned. He endorses the Alabama resolutions relating to the unseemly use of Templar emblems at the Triennial, but does not see its practicability. He favors a general law like the following:

“That any Sir Knight entering a saloon clothed in any part of his Knights Templar regalia shall be subject to charges of unknighly conduct.”

An eloquent plea is made for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and the hope expressed that the Grand Commandery will adopt some permanent rule of giving.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Commanderies of Kansas, Alabama and North Carolina, then in Annual Conclave.

Jewels were presented to the four senior Past Grand Commanders with the usual felicitous remarks. The first one on the list was the veteran Correspondent, Sir Charles R. Woodruff.

One thousand dollars was appropriated for “The Pilgrimage to the Triennial Conclave,” which amount is to cover the expenses of the Grand Officers. An appropriation of \$250 was made for a new Banner, and it is recommended that the Grand Commander purchase sixteen Jewels for Past Grand Commanders, to be presented at the next Annual Conclave. Verily they believe that the proper use of money is in being put to a good use.

The Grand Treasurer has \$1,341 to his credit, being \$156 more than that with which he started the year.

A cut showing the design adopted for Past Commanders' Jewels, appears as a frontispiece, and the sermon and various addresses are published in full.

Sir Knight Charles R. Woodruff presents his twenty-second Report on Correspondence, and we keep well within bounds when we say that it does not fall below the high standard of his previous ones. It fills 115 pages, and 40 Grand Jurisdictions pass in review. North Carolina for 1894 is noticed to the extent of two pages. Commenting on the terms of praise and great appreciation with which Frater Munson mentions the Charlotte banquet, he says it was "inspired, no doubt, by 'the bright and handsome faces of the ladies present.'" Those who know our boyish Grand Recorder will accept what we have quoted as a true bill. He welcomes us to the "Society" of Correspondents and quotes with commendation our plea for "giving the boys a chance," as set forth in our strictures about Past Grand Officers holding official positions in subordinate Commanderies in Alabama in 1893.

In his "conclusion" he notes that the Representatives of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, near the other Grand Commanderies, have been conspicuous by their absence from the Grand Conclaves, and says:

"Only thirteen, in all of these high and mighty dignitaries, having been in attendance to look after the 'important' duties of their position, the Grand Representative System has proved its utter uselessness, and well deserves to be entirely abandoned."

He concludes with some hopeful words on the tranquil and prosperous condition of Templarism, and the anticipated good fellowship and pleasure at the coming Triennial, and with regrets at not meeting him on that festive occasion, we take our leave.

Twenty-five Commanderies, 1,913 Knights; gain 44.

Sir Samuel H. Stone, Richmond, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Richmond, May 20th, 1896.

MAINE.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Portland, May 9th, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM J. LANDERS, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand officers all present. Sixteen of the nineteen Commanderies represented, with a large attendance of past officers and permanent members, also 27 Grand Representatives, but North Carolina's was not among them.

The Grand Commander's address is a full and well written account of his official acts, and reports a fair increase in numbers, with harmony, unity and brotherly love prevailing, as usual. A tender tribute of respect is paid to the memory of deceased Sir Knights. Two dozen dispensations were issued, half of them permitting public appearance in uniform, from which we judge that the Maine Sir Knights are not in favor of letting moth and rust play havoc with their regalias.

Easter Sunday was generally observed, a general dispensation having been issued for that purpose. A Fourth of July parade was not considered enough of a "Masonic Occasion" to justify a dispensation. If we adopt the *flag*, why not take in the *day* that may be said to have fathered it?

Several visitations were made and the courtesies extended were up to the usual standard, but his report has a streak of lean with the fat, when the condition of the Commanderies and their work are considered.

His only reported decision was that a substitute for wine could be used in the libation when it was feared that a renewed thirst for the intoxicant might be created. We regard this as good sense and the Committee on Jurisprudence said that it was good law. The Grand Commander well says:

"The Order of Christian Knighthood aims to uphold rather than tear down, and I recommend that in cases of this nature, which are very liable to hereafter occur (there have been two to my knowledge the past year), that the matter be left entirely to the discretion of the Eminent Commanders "

The recommendation was adopted.

An additional appropriation for the Triennial is asked for.

The Christmas Observance received general attention; in many cases the literary exercises being impressive and interesting, and the hope is expressed that the time will come when the Sir Knights will invite their lady relatives and friends to grace the occasion and add to its enjoyment.

The Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General, present full reports of their official doings, and from them we gather that the Commanderies are in a generally prosperous condition, rendering the work in a correct and impressive manner as a whole, and thoroughly conversant with the high art of entertaining official visitors.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$1,561, being an increase over the amount last reported.

In the evening St. Omer Commandery, of Waterville, exemplified the Order of the Temple, to the edification and satisfaction of the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on "Model By-laws" asked leave to report at the next Annual Conclave, apparently desiring to wait until the Grand Encampment had amended its statutes, but they have waited in vain.

The Report on Correspondence is from the veteran reviewer, Sir Knight Stephen Berry, and he begins as follows:

"Your chairman begins his twentieth annual report in midsummer, when the grass grows green, (?) swinging in a hammock, on a veranda, under a leafy oak. The thermometer is at ninety in town, but the westlin' wind blowing across the cool waters of Casco Bay, and the rippling murmur of the waves upon the shore below, bring a refreshing sense of coolness. Beside the hammock is the big rustic chair, in which Connor, of Tennessee, used to sit and look across the bay, wondering if it could be possible that the whole country was sweltering under a hot wave and yet be so comfortable here. It seems but the other day that he came strolling over the grassy road through the mowing field, and along the bank where the Indians in old times held their feasts, and now his genial voice is hushed forever, and the birds sing over his grave, where he lies sleeping below Lookout Mountain. So it ever is. Bright spirits come from unknown space, briefly cross our orbits, and go out, we know not whither, and they never pass this way again; but they leave a flash of radiance on their paths which never fades from our lives."

He has filled 62 pages with an excellent digest of the doings

of 43 Grand Bodies. He does not believe in a "model code of by-laws," saying under Minnesota:

"We think that the form should not be made obligatory. Each Commandery should be left at liberty to attend to its private affairs in its own way, so long as it conforms to the statutes, but a model code should be recommended in case they choose to adopt it."

North Carolina for 1894 comes in for brief, but courteous mention, and this writer's work meets with approval.

Under North Dakota, noting the visit to the Grand Commandery of the Grand Secretary of the Eastern Star, who is styled an "eminent lady," he says:

"Please do not scold us, brother critics, as objecting to that. We do not object, but simply quote it. Our sailor boy used to tell of an old quartermaster who was in the habit of saying good-naturedly, 'Different ships, different ways; some likes their jibs aft.' We agree with the quartermaster."

He considers the use of the national banner in Templar parades as "a matter of taste." The foregoing and the following are from Ohio:

"There may be reason in the claim that a written objection against a candidate may be sent in where the member cannot be present, and that it should have the force of a black ball. Is not the welfare of the Commandery equally as important as the rights of the candidate, and should not the motives of the member be considered pure until proved otherwise?"

We regret that a family affliction prevented Frater Berry from attendance at the Grand Encampment, and extend to him our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

Nineteen Commanderies, 2,904 Knights; gain 148.

Sir Frederick S. Walls, Vinal Haven, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder (re-elected) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Portland, May 7th, 1896.

MARYLAND.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE. Baltimore, November 26th, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM H. MARTIN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers were all present and all of the Commanderies represented. Thirty-one Grand Representatives also graced the occasion by their presence, North Carolina's contributing a share.

The Grand Commander's address fills eighteen pages with an entertaining account of his official doings. He begins with congratulations that their ranks have not been invaded by death during the year, and makes due mention of the afflictions sustained by sister jurisdictions.

Harmonious relations are reported as existing at home and with their neighbors. The year has been a prosperous one in spite of the business depression; two Commanderies having been constituted during the year and two instituted. No questions were asked but what could be answered by a reference to the Templar law, as laid down in the Code. Numerous dispensations were issued, a large majority of them permitting balloting on petitions out of time, which he considers justified, "on account of the increased activity in the several Commanderies incident to a Triennial year."

Quite an amount of official visitation was indulged in and the occasions were evidently highly enjoyable to all who participated. The installation of the officers of several Commanderies was also an important part of his official duty and, like all duties faithfully done, brought with it its own reward, in the shape of courtesy and hospitality. The Triennial was attended in full force and the occasion was one long to be remembered.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash as being \$1,150.00, a substantial increase during the year.

The work of the Conclave was not extensive and generally local in character. We note that an appropriation was

made for a new banner, and charters were granted to the two Commanderies that had been working U. D.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of Grand Commander Martin. The doggerel used in our boyhood to aid in remembering the names of the Kings of England, beginning :

“First William the Norman, then William his son,”

is brought to mind when we read that Sir William Henry Martin is succeeded as Grand Commander by Sir William Henry Clark. They had another William Henry at their head a short time ago, but there are no others in sight.

A special Conclave was held on Easter Monday for the purpose of installing the officers of six Commanderies, which was made highly entertaining by the rendition of an elaborate musical programme.

Four hundred dollars were appropriated for the expense of the “Line of Knights” at the Triennial.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir F. J. S. Gorgas and is the nineteenth from his pen. He has filled 81 pages with a courteous review of the proceedings of 44 Grand Bodies, and the report is fully equal to any of his previous efforts.

North Carolina for 1895 has kindly notice. He pardons us for styling him “venerable” in our last report. We generally associate the word with white hair, faltering steps and a gold-headed cane, which ear-marks of venerability our brother did not exhibit at the Triennial. We sincerely regret our premature use of the term, and hope that he will be spared to write reviews until the above mentioned characteristics shall be his rightful due, be it ever so long first. The compliments of the season are extended to us in advance, with the feeling that no harm will result from our Christmas Toasts, our Grand body having restricted them to “pure water only.” We reckon that we are even with him now, for he will have hard work to find any record of such a restriction in our pro-

ceedings. A committee endorsed the Grand Commander's recommendation in regard to the use of "pure water," but the matter ended there. Perhaps it was thought that *pure* water was too rare a beverage.

We take our leave of Sir Knight Gorgas, hoping to have the pleasure of meeting him in print again next year.

Ten Commanderies, 1,087 Knights; gain 90.

Sir William H. Clark, Baltimore, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir F. J. S. Gorgas, Baltimore, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Baltimore, November 24th, 1896.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Boston, October 31st, 1895.

SIR SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Semi-Annual Conclave was held in Providence, as usual, on May 28th. All of the officers and a large number of representatives and permanent members were present. The Grand Commander's address is quite long and of considerable interest. He reports numerous dispensations to permit public appearance in uniform, principally attendance at church on Easter Sunday. He considers the observance of Easter and Ascension Days as being peculiarly consonant with the religious spirit of the Order, and is glad to note that the custom of attending divine service on these days is becoming more prevalent among the Commanderies.

Under decisions, we note that it is considered desirable that notifications bearing the names of candidates for the Orders, should be sent out in sealed envelopes, as "the relations between the candidate and the Commandery are of a confidential nature, and should be guarded, as far as practicable." We look upon this as a particularly common-sense decision, and

wonder at the existence of the custom that called it out. He reports the use of Grant's Tactics by twenty-six Grand Commanderies, and advises its adoption by this jurisdiction.

The Order of the Red Cross was exemplified in a pleasing and finished manner by Joseph Warren Commandery.

Owing to the destruction of the Masonic Temple in Boston, by fire, soon after the Triennial, the Annual Conclave was held in the Asylum of William Parkman Commandery at East Boston.

All of the Grand Officers responded at roll-call and only one Commandery was unrepresented. North Carolina's representative was among the twenty-eight that were present.

Boston Commandery still leads the Commanderies of the world, with a membership of 884.

The Grand Commander's address is a well prepared and readable document, which traverses the usual ground. Numerous dispensations were issued to permit public appearance in uniform, but we notice that music was not allowed when they turned out on Sunday. He declined granting permission to ballot on petitions at the same Conclave on which they were presented.

He decides that the names of all candidates for ballot shall be borne upon the notice of the Conclave at which action is intended, but, as previously noted, the notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.

The inspecting officers present favorable reports; an excellent spirit prevails and the opinion is expressed that the Order has never stood on a sounder basis, or a finer spirit pervaded its whole membership. The number of initiates during the year is 1,339, which is more than double the annual average for the past five years. The question of Life Membership is considered an important one, and he believes that the successful working of the principle can only be assured by requiring an adequate fee for the privilege and securely investing the proceeds in a permanent fund. Fifteen times the annual fee is considered the proper amount to be charged.

He issued an official circular, permitting the carrying of the National flag in the Triennial parade, and would like to see it a part of the equipment of every Commandery.

As Chairman of the Triennial Committee, he reports that the expenditures for entertainment were made so judiciously that they had \$12,000.00 left over from the \$79,000.00 raised for the purpose, which enabled them to return to the several Commanderies, twenty per cent. of the amount they contributed.

Grant's tactics were adopted and the Subordinate Commanderies were also "authorized to display the American flag on parade and in their Asylums."

A committee was also authorized "to make all the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the officers and members of the Grand Commandery at the Twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave at the Grand Encampment."

The regulation Past Grand Commander's Jewel was presented to Grand Commander, Lawrence and we consider it no reflection on his predecessors in office to say that if any one ever earned this mark of recognition, it was Sir Knight Lawrence. A fine steel engraved portrait of him faces the title page.

The proceedings make a sumptuous volume of 425 pages, of which 209 are devoted to the Report of the Triennial Committee. It emanates from the pen of the Chairman, Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, then Grand Commander, who, as Chief Marshal, led the imposing parade that was the initial feature of the Conclave. It is a very full account of the successful work of this admirable committee. It also contains full accounts of the various receptions and banquets, the addresses of welcome and responses to toasts, and is embellished with over fifty full page half-tone illustrations, showing salient features of the parade and exhibition drill, decorations of public buildings, floral designs, official badges etc. To our eye the portrait of Grand Master McCurdy is superior to the one that appears in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment. It is

certainly a *happier* looking one and, for that reason, we think must have been secured at the time.

Interesting and valuable historical papers on "Incidents in the Early History of Masonry in Massachusetts," and "The Order of Knights Templar" are incorporated in the report of the committee. The first-named is from the pen of R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the latter by V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment.

The Report on Correspondence comes from the clerical team, Sirs Henry W. Rugg and P. Voorhees Finch, that have so satisfactorily performed the service for some years past.

Ninety-eight pages are filled with an entertaining and careful review of the proceedings of 34 Grand Bodies and the Grand Encampment, and the report takes its usual high rank among those that come under our notice. The same division of labor is made as heretofore, and North Carolina for 1895 falls to the lot of Rev. and Sir Knight Finch, who gives us courteous mention to the extent of two pages. He styles the Grand Commander's address "an able document." He quotes the decision in regard to the Encyclopædia agent, from which he is inclined to differ, believing that "his Masonic home was where his Chapter was located, and that the Commandery in that place had the power to waive jurisdiction in behalf of the Commandery to which the application was made."

Kindly personal mention is made of the writer, and he presents the following, in reference to a matter under previous discussion.

"The mention of long and dry sermons, recalls an incident which happened many years ago in the diocese of New Jersey, at that time presided over by Bishop Doane. He had appointed one of his presbyters, a by no means brilliant man, to preach the sermon on the occasion of a visitation to a rural parish. The appointee arrived at the church in a pouring rain, drenched to the skin. On entering the vestry room he exclaimed, 'Bishop. I cannot preach, my clothes are wet through.' 'Oh, go ahead,' replied his spiritual father, 'you'll be dry enough when you get into the pulpit.'"

We sincerely regret that our Frater was not in evidence at

the Triennial, also that we shall not have the pleasure of meeting him again in print, as he retires from the corps with this report, but we shall cherish our brief reportorial acquaintance as one of our most pleasant recollections.

The "Conclusion" is, as usual, from the pen of Rev. Sir Rugg, and is a high-toned production, closing with a tender tribute to those of the corps, who are with us no longer in the flesh.

"But we are still one ; the dear departed still live, and they are ours ; for love, like life, is immortal. Be it ours to cherish their memory and worth ; to walk in the illumined footsteps marked by their fidelities."

Forty-three Commanderies, 11,499 Knights ; gain 1,117.

Sir Eugene H. Richards, Boston, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir Henry W. Rugg and Thomas E. St. John, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave, Boston, Oct. 31st, 1896.

MICHIGAN.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Saginaw. May 21st, 1895.

SIR CHARLES H. POMEROY, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the officers were in attendance and only two Commanderies were unrepresented. Grand Representatives are not considered a necessary indulgence in this jurisdiction.

M. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was in waiting to make an official visit. He was welcomed by the Grand Commander, and responded in a very eloquent and happy manner, "Modern Chivalry" being the theme.

The Grand Commander reports a prosperous year, more having been Knighted than in any other, with one exception. Peace and harmony prevail among themselves and between their neighbors as well.

The death is noted, of Sir John Gilbert, Jr., their first Grand Commander, and fraternal dead of sister jurisdictions are also noticed.

The Charter has been restored to one Commandery and one chartered at the last Annual Conclave has been instituted.

Numerous decisions were called for, but a reference to the Statutes and a little common sense answered them all, to the satisfaction of the Committee, if not to the questioners. The only striking one is, that "a waiver of jurisdiction granted by telephone is illegal."

The general invitation to join in the Christmas Toast assumed that the phrase "Templars and their friends," as used by Sir Knight Berry, meant the *ladies*, so they were asked to be present and participate, if they chose, and it was also advised that the wife of Grand Master McCurdy "be made a party in the suit," as it were, by being included in the Toast. The Grand Commander reports that many Commanderies took due notice of the proclamation, and that the ladies were on hand. We desire to go on record right here, as heartily favoring the innovation, and we believe that the general adoption of the custom would quickly settle the vexed question of what beverage to use in the Toast.

All but two of the twenty-four dispensations were to permit public appearance in uniform. Numerous dispensations were refused, and among them we notice the request to be allowed to ballot on *eleven* candidates ahead of time that they might join "the Shrine" two days later. There would have been some "railroading" if the candidates had been elected.

Some very courteous correspondence was indulged in with New Hampshire on account of jurisdictional trespass, which proved not to have been malicious.

About one-third of the Commanderies were officially visited and a generally favorable report is made, gustatory courtesies receiving little mention; in fact, the only banquet allusion made is as follows:

"It was a matter of regret that all of the regular officers (referring to a particular Commandery) were not in their places during the work of the evening, but when we arrived at the banquet hall, do not recollect that any were missing."

That looks bad for the Sir Knights, for a fact, but perhaps they were on the banquet committee and had to attend to the more important duty. Again, some are handier at the table than in the field, and these Sir Knights may have waited to appear where their exploits would show to the best advantage.

General permission was given to publicly observe Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day. Eleven Commanderies report having observed one or the other of the two first named days, the third not having arrived when the Conclave was held.

Massachusetts and New York expressed a desire to exchange Grand Representatives, but the temptation was successfully resisted.

The proceedings make the usual bulky volume of some 375 pages, and the volume appears in its customary sumptuous dress, with a portrait of Grand Commander Pomeroy facing the title page.

Their funds have increased about forty per cent. during the year and now amount to \$4,165.

The Committee on Templar Dead present a memorial of nine pages, from the pen of Rev. Francis A. Blade, Grand Prelate, in which fraternal dead are eulogized in a particularly touching manner.

The Committee on Tactics reported, and their work was adopted and ordered printed and circulated.

It was also ordered that the Order of Malta be conferred at the same meeting as the Order of the Temple, or within sixty days at the latest; it having been the custom to confer it but once a year.

The three principal officers were made a Triennial Committee, four hundred dollars was donated to the Michigan Masonic Home, and the Grand Recorder was ordered to pro-

cure and present the usual jewel to Grand Commander Pomeroy.

Sir Knight John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder, presents the Report on Correspondence, which fills 277 pages and is embellished in the highest style of the printer's art. It is the second from the pen of Sir Knight Gerow and reviews the proceedings of 38 American Jurisdictions in an admirably entertaining manner. With the limited space at our command, we are appalled at the thought of doing justice to this report, but will endeavor to give our fraters a taste of its quality.

He is a full believer in having life membership in the Commandery the final reward for continuous service in the way of annual dues, and hopes that this Triennial Conclave will give the matter attention, "and permit the Grand Commanderies to exercise their own judgment in the matter."

Vain hope. "'Twas ever thus in childhood's hour."

He favors water, in place of something stronger, for the Christmas Toast, and is very liberally disposed towards Knights Templar parades, saying:

"Well, we are not built on the 'lady killing' lines, and as each year passes we find our uniform fits us a little too soon. We have to let our buckle out still another hole, and we have premonitory symptoms of soon joining the silver grays. But we do not believe in too much exclusiveness in this matter and must still contend that our R. E. Frater was not very far astray when he wanted a little more of what the boy flew down from the moon for—more elbow room."

Under Minnesota, referring to the effort to levy a tax for Triennial expenses, he says:

"The impost of twenty-five cents tax per capita for Triennial expenses was laid on the table. Doubtless the Sir Knights thought that 'half of a Jewish shekel' might possibly do for vineyard laborers in old Jewery, but wouldn't go far in the Athens of America."

He is a lukewarm believer in the Grand Representative system, saying:

"We only hold to that Sir Knightly courtesy that may be contained in the 'representative system.' It is like an old maid's cradle, more for ornament

than use. It is one of the things that Templarism will never miss, and we look upon it as the big Yorkshire man did when his little wife thrashed him: 'Ah, vell, it pleases the lass an' doon't do me any harm.' But when it is made a bone of contention between two influential jurisdictions, better by far to 'take off the diadem and remove the crown.'"

The dogma of perpetual jurisdiction meets with little favor at his hands, being styled "excessively bad law." He is not in favor, however, of the rejected candidate being at "liberty to make immediate application in some other place and find no hindrance."

The following, under Montana, hits the "all wool and yard wide" reviewers, who have no use for quotations or clippings:

"Sir Hedges thinks that every reviewer can sit down and write a review free-handed like he can. But 'they can't do it, you know.' When Sir Hedges falls short of material he takes a trip to Palestine and comes back with roses of Sharon, grapes of Eschol, bulls of Bashan, fish from Galilee, figs from the Jordan and dates from Hebron. Who could contend with such supplies gleaned from the Turk? Not we; so we have to be like Amos, a gatherer of sycamore figs, on the point of our scissors."

North Carolina for 1894 receives kindly and appreciative notice to the extent of *nine* pages, numerous clippings being made. He goes for us with a sharpened quill on the propriety of Past Grand Commanders occupying official positions in the subordinate Commanderies, saying:

"Reviewing Alabama he takes unnecessary exception to Past Commanders filling the chairs. Why, bless your life, Sir Chase, these valuable Sir Knights are like the old woman's skillet—handy for every domestic use. After a man has held a place of trust for a length of time he never feels at home if not holding down some official chair. We talk from experience, being one of these 'back numbers,' ever desirous of being made useful. And, by the way, it is to these very 'back numbers' that Templarism is largely indebted for constant activity."

Well, we are not going to have a tilt with our Frater on this little difference. Read it over again carefully and you will see that what we wrote was not so much a criticism on past officials holding the offices, as it was on the weakness of a Commandery that was obliged to regularly call upon them.

The following indicates his desire for something new to write about:

"We have in each year's reports a few standard issues which each 'mutual' takes up and passes upon. It is difficult to escape the conventional figures of this monotonous cotillion, and we all have to take a step in the jig. It is much like the old fiddler who had but two tunes, one was 'Old Hundred,' and the other wasn't. It would not be so bad, only such questions as invasion, dipsomania, perpetual jurisdiction, etc., linger along from year to year."

The Mississippi and Tennessee condemnation, by their reviewers, of the Ohio decision, that "a R. A. Mason engaged in the grocery and wholesale liquor business," was eligible for the Orders, brings out his approval, as follows:

"Let Michigan here add, that this question—like Banquo's ghost—will not down, and it will finally have to be settled for all Templar time. The liquor vender has no place in a Commandery of Templars, uor to bow at an altar erected to the triune God. It is a mockery, a misnomer and a disgrace to Christiâu Knighthood. 'Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.' The liquor dealer can see nothing in a Templar Commandery that endorses his business, and he is a cat in a strange garret. But despite this, the cat came back on the encouragement of such ruling as that of Ohio."

His printer mutilated our name in certain places, but we are sure that our Frater feels as bad about it as we do. It must be a stock logotype, for it is used, under Ohio, where Sir Knight Coxe is evidently meant.

He is not a believer in "railroading" candidates through Masonic bodies, and the following bit of personal experience, which appears under Pennsylvania, is worth clipping:

"We will never forget shortly after taking our chapter degrees, which we were crowded through, that we had occasion to visit a chapter in a distaut city. The committee who examined us was headed by an old Mason who wound up the seance by quietly remarking: 'Well, you seem to have had the degrees *shoveled* into you in some rattlebang manner, and we will let you sit with us to-night, but, Companion, I am ashamed of you.' In all the sweet subsequently since no one could ever so accost us, for we posted up. But where the degree is conferred on one or two while the rest look on, is bad law, bad Masonry, and bad for the candidate. The ambition to make each succeeding year's showing better than the last, can work perniciously, and the candidates do not know where they are at when through, any more than the young lady did when her lover confessed that he was a somnambulist, and perhaps her parents would not like him to marry her. 'O, that won't make a bit of difference, Gawge, dear. Pa is a Universalist, ma is a Methodist, and I attend the Baptist church, so what you are won't matter, love.'"

We regret our inability to tarry longer with this entertaining Frater, but, like poor Joe, must "move on." We particularly cherish the recollection of meeting our Frater at the Triennial, and since seeing him are fully of the opinion that his middle name must be "Adonis."

Forty-four Commanderies, 5,373 Knights; gain 275.

Sir William E. Jewett, Adrian, Grand Commander.

Sir John A. Gerow, Detroit, Grand Recorder (re-elected) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Grand Rapids, May 19th, 1896.

MINNESOTA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

St. Cloud, June 24th, 1895.

SIR W. H. WRIGHT, R. E. Grand Commander.

Four Grand Officers absent and six Commanderies unrepresented. North Carolina's Representative helped make up the nineteen entries in that class.

The Grand Commander announces the account of his official acts as being "in plain words and without any attempt at oratory or homily," but it serves its purpose admirably. He says that the returns show a gratifying increase in membership in spite of the adverse financial circumstances. Dispensation business light, only six being issued and no exception can be taken as to their character or necessity.

Official visitation was indulged in to a limited extent and the knife and fork apparently held their own with the sword. He sums up as follows:

"From observation and personal experience, I am convinced that the Commanderies derive little real benefit from the system of inspections by Officers of the Grand Commandery, whose reports are subsequently printed with our proceedings. It is patent to all who have conducted such inspections that irregularities of greater or less importance frequently come to light, and yet the absence of anything like unfavorable criticism in the

reports is remarkable, and almost invariable; and when such criticism is ventured upon at all, it is in a manner so mild and indulgent as to be productive of no beneficial results."

The proposed remedy is to adopt the Wisconsin method of dividing the jurisdiction into districts of proper size, and have all the Commanderies in a district assemble at a central point and be instructed by such Grand Officers as may be able to attend. One Commandery, previously selected by lot, would be required to exemplify the work of the Orders, while the others would exemplify the ceremonies of opening and closing.

He assisted in the constitution of one Commandery and has this to say in regard to the entertainment that was prepared for the visitors:

"These ceremonies were followed by a banquet, prepared and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter, in honor of the Commandery. It was a most bounteous and delicious repast, the refinement of a home table pervading all its details; and, the banquet halls being graced by the presence of the ladies, this entertainment presented the strongest argument in favor of Androgynal Masonry which has ever been brought to my attention."

In accordance with an invitation issued by the Grand Commander, seven Commanderies observed the Christmas Toast, one reporting an attendance of 107.

A portrait of Grand Commander Wright appears as a frontispiece, and he was voted the usual jewel, Past Grand Commander Wm. G. Bronson also coming in on the distribution.

The Grand Officers present full reports of their visits of inspection, which certainly show that courtesy and hospitality are not "Lost Arts" in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash as \$2,036, an increase of thirteen dollars during the year.

The Committee on New Banner presented a description and estimate of cost, and recommended deferring the purchase for awhile, as they expected that the money would be more urgently needed for other purposes. We suspect that the trip to Boston was in their mind, as \$500 was appropriated

for that purpose. The committee was continued, and we shall "watch out" for the new banner at the Pittsburgh Conclave.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That no Knight Templar shall be permitted to visit a Commandery more than twice unless he be a member in good and regular standing of some Commandery."

The first three officers were made a Committee on the Triennial.

Sir Thomas Montgomery presents his sixth Report on Correspondence, which fills 57 pages with a judicious and pleasing review of the doings of 35 Grand Bodies. He is not forward in expressing opinions, although the few he has allowed to escape contain nothing incendiary.

Under Oregon he voices the opinion that the candidate becomes a member of the Commandery "when the Orders are fully conferred, whether he signs the by-laws or not." We shall have to dissent on this point, although in concord with his view that election to receive the Orders should carry with it membership in the Commandery conferring them. If the candidate is not good enough to associate with those who make a Knight of him, he is not worthy of being created. He must do his part, however, in recording his pledge, to abide by the laws of the organization he proposes to unite with.

North Carolina for 1895 receives courteous notice, and we are pleased to chronicle Frater Montgomery's presence at the Triennial.

Twenty-five Commanderies, 2,335 Knights; gain 55.

Sir H. E. Whitney, Fairbault, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder (re-elected) and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Stillwater, June 24th, 1896.

MISSISSIPPI.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

West Point, February 12th 1895.

SIR J. C. FRENCH, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers present, with one exception. Commanderies all represented and fifteen Grand Representatives present, but no one answered for North Carolina.

After opening in Ample Form the Grand Commandery proceeded to the Baptist church, where the Offices of Devotion were observed, and a sound and elevating discourse was delivered by Rev. Sir T. W. Lewis, Grand Prelate, his subject being The Ascension. The collection for the benefit of the Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum, amounted to \$29.10. Inasmuch as there is a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction, we do not see why it should not be made the beneficiary on such an occasion.

Labor was resumed in the P. M., the Grand Commander's address first claiming attention. He reports an uneventful year, but thinks that interest in the Order is on the increase. The business depression and scarcity of money are credited with causing the reduction in the number of applicants. Fraternal dead receive the usual mention, Sir Knight R. B. Brannin being specifically mentioned, on account of "his high connection and official position in the other bodies, as well as his worth, as a man and a Mason," although not an officer of this Grand Body.

No decisions were called for, and he was able to make but one official visit. Of the eleven dispensations, two permitted church attendance in uniform, and the others balloting ahead of time, "for good and sufficient reasons." He issued a special dispensation, permitting nine Sir Knights, who purposed to start a new Commandery, to receive and ballot upon the petitions of five companions on the same day. He recommends that a strenuous effort be made to have the jurisdiction well represented at the Triennial, and that the committee in charge endeavor to secure the necessary funds "to enable old

Mississippi to reciprocate, in a becoming manner, the hospitalities of which she will be the recipient at the 'Hub.'"

He approves the Alabama resolutions, condemning the desecration of Masonic symbols by "saloonists," and suggests that like action be taken, "with the additional proviso, that the local Commanderies, as well as the Grand Master of Templars, be requested to use all lawful means to prevent the scandal." A general recommendation to observe the Christmas Libation was issued, but we find no report of participation.

In closing, he has the following to say about a prominent member of the "Mutuals:"

"I would here express a debt of gratitude to our beloved Sir Enoch George DeLap for counsel given me, during my term of office, and for the able reports he makes in his annual work on Foreign Correspondence. Although at times he struts out and shows pugilistic tendencies, I can assure his fellow-correspondents that he would not willingly, or knowingly, injure a hair in any human's head, much less then the heart. Although fearless in argument and one who dares to do and say, as he thinks right, his heart is as big as that of an ox, as all you, who know him, can testify."

Grand Recorder Power presents a lengthy report, it signaling the closing of his twenty-fifth year of service; truly a long and honorable term.

Their funds increased from \$106 to \$305, but the Triennial expenses will make a good sized hole, as an appropriation of \$250 was voted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the special dispensation issued to some Knights about to organize a new Commandery, for the following reasons:

"Such a dispensation can be granted only when a Commandery votes to ask for it, and until the Commandery was organized there was no foundation upon which to base the application. It amounted to no more than giving any nine Sir Knights, who might assemble, permission to confer the orders upon whom they pleased. The Statutes presume that before a dispensation to shorten the time in which a petition for the orders shall lie over, is granted, that there shall have been a petition regularly presented. This being done, the Commandery may, by a majority vote, ask for a dispensation to shorten the time."

The Alabama resolutions were endorsed and a helping hand extended to the "Masonic Collectors' Association," which is engaged "in the work of building up Masonic Libraries by the preservation of Masonic literature, proceedings," etc.

The Prelate was requested to attend the Triennial as the guest of the Grand Commandery. Very courteous, to be sure, but they must have had some suspicions as to what they were going to encounter on the journey, to lead them to consider the necessity of taking their clerical adviser along.

Portraits of Grand Commander Jenkins and Sir R. B. Brannin appear in the proceedings. An elaborate memorial to deceased officers of other jurisdictions appears from the ready pen of Sir Knight Frederick Speed.

The Report on Correspondence fills 81 pages and deals with the doings of 36 Grand Bodies. It is the sixteenth from the trenchant pen of Sir Knight E. George DeLap, and is introduced thus:

"That it is not as good a report as it might be, is a fact apparent to any one who will take the trouble to read it, but that it is not the worst in the world is equally true!"

It is well worth a perusal, however, and we regret our inability to give it more space than it will get.

Alabama calls out this choice bit:

"This country is all right, and the fact that a high wind, a cloud burst and a case or two of colic comes along, is no sign that God is not good, gentle, tender, long-forbearing and very merciful. Nor are we aware that 'pestilence' has stalked through the land, to any marked extent. Contrasting our health conditions with many parts of the 'Old World,' we can certainly find great cause for gratitude to the Father of Mercies, and precious little to complain of."

Fratr DeLap has positive opinions on the temperance question and expresses them vigorously, as witness the following, from California:

"No man who is fit to be a Templar will favor the presence of wine, or intoxicants of any sort, at a Templar banquet, no matter whether he lives in California or Mississippi."

Under Colorado, referring to a decision that there was noth-

ing in their Statutes "that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a BAR in his hotel," he says:

"We move to amend the Statutes by inserting a clause prohibiting any **TEMPLAR** from engaging in any business that wrecks homes, makes broken-hearted women, starves children, fills prisons with felons, furnishes material for the hangman to work up, drives men into the gutter and drunkard's graves, and sends their souls to an eternal hell! There is nothing in the principles or teachings of the Order that invites such people to affiliate with it, and there is something radically wrong in the *personnel* of Grand or Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar that tolerate such members. **KICK THEM OUT**, without the benefit of clergy or a moment's delay."

Grand Representatives are not considered as an unmixed evil, as per the following, from Kentucky:

"These appendages, while utterly worthless from a practical point of view are not without their use, serving, as they do, in the capacity of bric-a-brac or ornamental furniture. The danger of explosion is so remote as to cut no figure in the calculation."

North Carolina, for 1894, receives courteous mention and quotation, and the writer is grateful for kindly expressions of sympathy.

Twelve Commanderies, 430 Knights; gain 43.

Sir F. P. Jenkins, Aberdeen, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder, (re-elected).

Sir E. George DeLap, Natchez, Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Jackson, February 19th, 1896.

MISSOURI.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

St. Louis, April 23d, 1895.

SIR THOMAS R. MORROW, R. E. Grand Commander.

An escort from the local Commanderies waited on the Grand Commandery at their headquarters and escorted them to the Asylum where the Conclave was held.

The Grand Officers were all at their posts, only two Commanderies were unrepresented, and there were also present a

large delegation of permanent members and 31 Grand Representatives, North Carolina's being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address takes the prize for length, filling no less than 74 pages, and our limited space will not admit of its reproduction here. Congratulations are extended upon "the present excellent condition of the Order and its rapid growth in this Grand Jurisdiction." Fraternal dead receive extended and appropriate notice.

Two new Commanderies have been instituted during the year.

Notice of the Christmas Toast was duly promulgated, but he is unable to say how many observed it, although several did and he hopes that the notice will become general.

The Masonic Home is commended as doing a meritorious work.

Dispensations were generally to permit public appearance in uniform. Several were refused and he takes occasion to say a few words on the growing evil of asking for permission to bailot on candidates before the statutory time has elapsed. He expresses himself as strongly opposed to the indiscriminate use of the power of dispensation vested in a Grand Commander.

Thirty-five pages of the address are devoted to an able review of the decision of his predecessor, R. E. Sir Glaspell, relating to the standing of a Sir Knight who had dimitted from his Lodge. R. E. Sir Glaspell held that the name of the Sir Knight should be stricken from the rolls, "as he has lost his standing in Lodge and Chapter." This decision was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Commandery at the last annual Conclave. R. E. Sir Morrow could not have labored more faithfully if there had been a large fee dependent upon his exertions. He sums up as follows:

"The foregoing considerations seem to me to conclusively demonstrate that, under the present condition of the law of the Grand Encampment this Grand Commandery committed error in approving the decision aforesaid of Right Eminent Sir Glaspell.

"It is preferable to have this Body rectify its own mistakes than to have its errors reviewed and corrected by its superior, the Grand Encampment, as must surely be done in this instance, upon the appeal pending, unless the Grand Encampment decides to reverse all its former actions hereinbefore referred to, which is not at all likely "

The appeal to the Grand Encampment and the accompanying documents fill fourteen pages.

The Grand Treasurer has \$7,827.00 on hand, about forty per cent. increase during the year. It will not be drawn upon to any great extent for the Triennial expenses, for they are to be met by a special subscription by the Commanderies, for that purpose.

The Committee on Hospital and Sanitorium for the Masonic Home reported that their appeal had not been in vain and that a sum sufficient for the purpose had been raised.

Five Missouri Sir Knights, residing in Olathe, Kansas were "loaned" by their Commandery, on due request, to become charter members of a new Commandery at Olathe. Some of them became officers in the new Commandery and all are now claimed as members of it. They had never asked for dimitts from the Missouri Commandery, their names are still on its rolls and annual dues paid on them to the Grand Commandery. As no Sir Knight can be a member of two Commanderies at the same time they are anxious to know "where they are at." The Jurisprudence Committee decided that if they took no action toward dissolving their connection with the Kansas Commandery they would remain as members there and cease to be members in Missouri. The moral is, never lend, and when you do, see that the loan is repaid as early as practicable.

The Triennial Committee reported that they had secured headquarters and raised \$1,772.00 by subscription, which action was approved by continuing the committee.

The sentiment of the Conclave on the liquor question is shown by the following, from the report of the Committee on Christmas Observance, which report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

"It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the word 'toast' found in the expression 'Toast to the Grand Master' was not in harmony or keeping with the occasion or the solemn services that were to follow, and they feared that it might prove repulsive and distasteful to many of the Fraters' It was, therefore, changed to read 'Greeting to the Grand Master.' There is nothing in the word 'greeting' that savors of the clinking of the wine glasses, and it will, we hope, be acceptable to all."

Hereafter, the Grand Commander's decisions and rulings are to be printed in season to be distributed at the opening of the annual Conclave, which we consider an excellent idea.

The proceedings contain portraits and biographical sketches of Grand Commander Morrow and Past Grand Commander George W. Belt, the latter being the first Grand Commander and holding the office for five years; also having been Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Wm. H. Mayo announces his eighteenth Report on Correspondence as being "a short plain review." It fills 78 pages and reviews the proceedings of 38 Grand Bodies. North Carolina for 1894 is noticed to the extent of a page, nearly all of it being an extract from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fifty-eight Commanderies, 4,030 Knights; *loss* 3.

Sir Leslie Orear, Marshall, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder, (re-elected) and Correspondent.

Next Conclave, Springfield, April 21st, 1896.

MONTANA.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Helena, October 8th. 1895.

SIR MICHAEL C. RILEY, R. E. Grand Commander.

Three Grand Officers were absent but all of the Commanderies were represented and there were also in attendance several permanent members and nine Grand Representatives.

North Carolina does not appear to be on the exchange list of this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander presents a brief address of four pages, beginning thus :

"In welcoming you to our Eighth Annual Conclave, allow me to do so by expressing the confident hope that our Order, and Masonry in general, in Montana are entering upon what promises to be the most prosperous era of their existence. Our prosperity is inseparably associated with the material welfare of our Commonwealth. The clouds of adversity and despondency that for weary months have hung heavy over our horizon are lifting and vanishing before the sunshine of reviving and returning prosperity. This assurance comes with no uncertain sound from every department of industry—the mine, the smelter, the ranch and range, and the busy marts of trade, relaxing the heavy and absorbing struggle for existence and giving wing to new-born hopes and strength, to confidence in the wealth of our surrounding resources."

They are at peace among themselves and no complaints have been received by the Grand Commander during the year.

They mourn the loss, by death, of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Sword Bearer during the year.

An order was issued requiring Divine Service at church on the Sunday following Ascension Day and an observance of the Christmas Toast was requested, but nothing appears to show to what extent either event was observed.

No dispensations were issued and no official visitations were made, but he sees the advisability and necessity of the latter and recommends that the Grand Commander be given authority to appoint some one to attend to it.

Thanking his associates, in closing, he particularly mentions Grand Recorder Hedges, saying :

"And should he at any time raise the standard for the re-conquest of the Holy Land, I shall deem it my duty to go forward and spy out the land. But unlike Joshua's scouts, I will endeavor to lodge in more respectable quarters. Although the land at this late day may not be overflowing with 'milk and honey,' yet a few 'Hedges' like our Grand Recorder, would soon make it a land overflowing with the milk of human kindness."

The Triennial Committee reported a successful and enjoyable trip and was apparently worth all it cost ; and best of all, they had about forty per cent. of the appropriation left over.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$895.00 on hand. One hundred dollars was appropriated to meet expenses of official visitations by the next Grand Commander.

The proceedings are somewhat jumbled and it appears to be accounted for in a P. S.,—which curiously enough is in the wrong place,—that says there was a banquet in waiting, which was generally patronized and well appreciated. The prospective opening of the Grand Lodge in the morning brought the festivities to a close. A portrait of the Grand Commander Riley faces the title page.

The Report on Correspondence comes from that genial reviewer, Sir Cornelius Hedges, Grand Recorder, and the prospective Grand Captain General of the Palestine Rehabilitation Army. "May his shadow never be less."

He fills 68 pages, with an entertaining and well *written* review of the doings of 30 Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Encampment. No "clippings" appear and quotations are "as scarce as hen's teeth." He does not believe that there is a paucity of subjects for the "Mutuals" to discuss, and thinks "Grand Encampment legislation is in very loose shape and a great many amendments necessary." At the rate of progress made last August, Palestine will have been redeemed and the Millenium an old story before the desired changes are accomplished.

The redemption of Palestine is still a burning question with our esteemed Frater, and he has a pat reply to all allusions to his hobby which are not few by any means, as every reviewer has something to say about it.

Well, it has become a still more live question since his last review was written, and it is high time that something was done by some one.

North Carolina for 1895 is very pleasantly noticed to the extent of two pages. He is disposed to question the decision that the Encyclopædia agent had no jurisdictional residence and therefore was not eligible for the Orders.

He asks, "Why should not book peddlers share the privileges

of the army and navy?" Our esteemed Frater must be wild to think of such a classification, anyway the army or navy officers would be. We must tell him, "on the square," that our late Grand Commander belongs to the class referred to. He notes the approval of the Grand Commander's recommendation that "pure water only" be used at the Christmas Toast, and remarks that "the caution about avoiding excesses in the use of that beverage was hardly necessary." He says that our former notice of Montana "is creditable to him if not to us," and adds :

"We incline to regret his insinuation that we 'don't know beans' We would have him know that we are a native of the soil where baked beans grow."

They were not "on the list" at the "Mutuals" banquet. We regret that our intercourse with him could not have been prolonged, but the time was all too short for the calls that were made upon it.

The Triennial comes in for general review and he thinks that "as now conducted they are not favorable for serious, steady deliberation." He was loaded and primed for a shot on his favorite subject, but found no chance to fire it. We hope better luck for him next time, if the occasion has not been done away with, and "may we be there to see."

Eight Commanderies, 324 Knights ; *loss* 13.

Sir Edward D. Neill, Helena, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Recorder (re-elected) and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Butte. Date not fixed.

NEBRASKA.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Omaha, April 23d, 1895.

SIR JAMES A. TULLEYS, R. E. Grand Commander.

All but two of the Grand Officers present and twenty-one of the twenty-three Commanderies were represented. Six-

teen Grand Representatives were on hand, including North Carolina's.

The Eminent Commander of the home Commandery delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's annual address is a succinct account of his official acts, filling some five pages. While bewailing the hard times and consequent decreased growth of the Order, he takes a very optimistic view of the situation, holding that it is a good time "to recall the purposes of our Order, and to emphasize anew the vows of Knighthood;" also trusting that the present gloomy outlook "is but as the dark hour that precedes the dawn." Official visitations were indulged in to a limited extent. Of the thirteen dispensations, all but one permitted the election and installation of officers where it had not been done at the proper time, and public appearance in uniform. One Commandery was constituted during the year. No decisions called for. He recommends a change in the law governing uniforms so that the baldric can be dispensed with. Hopes that a suitable appropriation will be made so that a proper, but unostentatious appearance may be made at the Triennial. Also advises giving aid to the Masonic Collector's Association.

The Grand Recorder's report includes a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements since the Grand Commandery was organized, in 1871, which fills fifteen pages. He thinks that it will be of interest "these hard times," as showing what has been done with the funds. A cash balance of \$1,586.00 is shown, out of which \$1,500 00 was appropriated for the Triennial expenses. These things come high, but we must have them.

Sir Carroll D. Evans, Inspector, presented a 38 page report of his official work. It was not printed, but "it was ordered that a pertinent extract be sent each Commandery to be read in regular Conclave."

Having "blown in" about all of their available funds for

Triennial display, they added to their extravagance by voting the Grand Treasurer a salary of "*five dollars per year*," but perhaps they thought that sum was ample remuneration for the labor of taking care of the expected deficiency, that the Grand Commander was authorized to make a loan to meet.

Shoulder straps for the Grand Officers were ordered provided out of the Commandery funds. Printing the proposed codification of the laws was postponed another year on account of the hard times and for the same reason no Report on Correspondence appears.

The proceedings come clothed in a melancholy "suit of solemn black," which is quite a contrast to the esthetic "greenery yallery" effects used by some other jurisdictions. A fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Commander Tulleys appears as a frontispiece.

We regret that in our last report we deprived the Grand Recorder of a portion of the honor due him for his long term of continuous service, in saying that it was *eleven* years, instead of twenty-two, but we trust that we set the matter right in Boston.

Twenty-three Commanderies, 1,656 Knights; no change.

Sir Charles B. Finch, Kearney, Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir William T. Whitmarsh, Norfolk, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Omaha, April 13th, 1896.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Concord, September 24th, 1895.

SIR DANIEL C. ROBERTS, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers were all at their posts and all but one of the Commanderies were represented. There was also a large delegation of past officers and permanent members, an

in addition 27 Grand Representatives, but we scan the list in vain for the Keene Sir Knight who holds the commission for North Carolina.

The Grand Commander's address is a well written and interesting document of 18 pages. He reports peace and prosperity and "much to kindle enthusiasm for our beloved Order." A glowing account is given of participation in the pomps and ceremonies of the Triennial. He makes the pertinent suggestion that "Sir Knight" is the proper appellation of a Knight Templar, as "Sir" alone "has a legitimate traditional and technical meaning," entirely distinct from Templarism.

Eight of the Commanderies were officially visited and he sums up as follows :

"Of the work exhibited on these several visitations I have to say that the average of what is accomplished is very high, and the average of faithful endeavor higher still. In general, I think there is not enough attention given to the military part of the ceremonies, as set down in the ritual and tactics. Very distinctly it is intended that the military character shall be impressed upon the Order and illustrated by it, and we are not fulfilling the trust imposed in us if we keep it in abeyance. On occasions of ceremony that department should be capable of creditable exemplification."

Courtesy and hospitality were not lacking and receive due mention, and the active officers of the Grand Commandery are reminded of their duty to accompany the Grand Commander on such occasions.

Of the fifteen dispensations issued, eleven were for public appearance in uniform, five being for the purpose of attending church. He offers some wise counsel on the question of balloting out of time, saying that the required time should not be curtailed for trivial reasons and never for mere personal convenience. Discussing the question of uniform and the possible hardship in requiring the poorer Sir Knights to make the necessary expenditure for a black suit, he well says :

"Some one has well said that Templary is a luxury. That is true, and before one indulges in the luxury, it should be fairly weighed in one's conscience, whether one can afford it, or is willing to make a sacrifice of other luxuries for the sake of this one."

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$1,233.00 to his credit; about one-half of what he last reported, but the Triennial expenses have been met in the meantime. The Triennial Committee reported that they had not spent their appropriation, by \$234. Verily the New Hampshire Fraters are a thrifty set, for we are well assured that they got value received for the expenditure they made. Their eyes are already turned toward Pittsburg, a committee being appointed to secure headquarters for the Grand Commandery.

A charter was granted to a new Commandery, which starts off without having worked under dispensation.

Report on Correspondence comes from the facile pen of our esteemed Frater, Sir Albert S. Wait. It is his sixth effort and reviews the proceedings of 38 Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Encampment.

He says so much that is worthy of quoting that, realizing our limitations, we are at a loss to tell where to begin, and fear still more our inability to stop, once having begun.

He does not understand how a Knight Templar can consistently become a member of the "Shrine," if, as is stated, the Koran is the book of authority in the latter body; further, "an Order founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues" cannot consistently permit its members to become identified with a body whose fundamental law is the Koran. Good sound reasoning and we think that the subject demands attention from the Templar organization.

North Carolina for 1895 receives a kindly two-page notice. The Grand Commander's address is styled a strictly business paper, but one of considerable interest, and no exceptions seem to be taken to what we did or the manner of doing it.

He devotes two pages to an extensive discussion as to the correctness of "fratres" or "fraters," and virtually gains the case for the former. He holds that the Latin word is not really needed and has not been sufficiently incorporated into our lan-

guage to entitle it to have the plural form of English words, either native or adopted. The fact of its general use by newspapers, and some writers in the English form, does not give it a home.

The Triennial receives due attention, but the business of the Grand Encampment is left until the official report comes to hand. We fancy it will be a negative sort of a review when it appears.

Ten Commanderies, 1,993 Knights; gain 140.

Sir Daniel C. Roberts, Concord, Grand Commander (re-elected).

Sir George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir Albert S. Wait, Newport, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Next Conclave, Concord, September 29th, 1896.

NEW JERSEY.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Trenton, May 14th, 1895.

SIR JAMES MCCAIN, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Grand Officers present, and all but two of the Commanderies represented. The twenty-three Grand Representatives present did not include the one holding North Carolina's commission.

The Grand Commander began his address by alluding to the pleasant intercourse brought about by his visitations and the "general contagion of goodness that prevails everywhere." The death of Past Grand Commander, John Hilton is noted, as well as other fraternal dead, at home and abroad.

Fraternal courtesies, in the way of waivers of jurisdiction were exchanged with New York and Pennsylvania. Six of the ten dispensations permitted public appearance in uniform, of which only one was for church attendance. The "Field Day" authorized at the last annual Conclave, was a pro-

nounced success. A pleasant incident of the occasion was the presentation of a Grand Commandery Banner by Sir Knight Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, and a handsome American flag by a Newark lady.

He reports an unpleasant episode in connection with a Commandery that refused to issue dimitts to some Sir Knights who were justly entitled to them.

The Reports on visitations, by the various Grand Officers, indicate a generally satisfactory condition.

The funds in the Grand Treasurer's hands, amount to \$1,161.00, having increased slightly during the year.

The case of the contumacious Commandery, referred to in the Grand Commander's address, is exhaustively reviewed by a committee, who recommend :

"That, the Charter of Coeur de Lion be declared arrested, and that the incoming Grand Commander be further empowered to re-instate the Commandery only upon delivery to him of the certificates in question, being satisfied that the officer, or officers, will be obedient to the law and the edicts of their superior officers, and that the dignity of this Grand Body be maintained."

The recommendation was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence fills 46 pages and reviews the proceedings of 38 Grand Commanderies. It is the twelfth from the pen of Sir Knight Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, and well sustains his past reputation in this line. North Carolina for 1894 receives its due space of courteous mention. He is chary about expressing his opinions, so we are not able to draw upon him to any extent.

Sixteen Commanderies, 1,681 Knights ; gain 26.

Sir Edward Mills, Camden, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder (re-elected) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Trenton, May 12th, 1896.

NEW YORK.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION. Niagara Falls, Sept. 10th, 1895.

SIR JAMES W. BOWDEN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Officers all present, and all but four of the Commanderies Represented. Eight Grand Representatives were introduced and welcomed, but none responded for North Carolina.

Sir Knight O. W. Cutler, Mayor of the city, courteously welcomed the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Commander made an appropriate response.

The Grand Commander's address is a well prepared paper of fourteen pages, no Orders or Correspondence being incorporated. He pays a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Grand Recorder, Sir Robert Macoy :

"For a period of forty-four years he had gone in and out of this Grand Body, a zealous official, faithful to his post of duty, and a pillar of strength and wisdom among us. Endowed by study and rare experience, he had a ready pen, guided by a cultivated mind that never tired. The brilliant essays presented by him, year after year, give lustre to our meetings, and these gems of thought showed a mind thoroughly in touch with the chivalric principles of our Order. This, coupled with a stainless life, endeared him to all who came in contact with him. Ever ready in counsel, yet with a life simple as a child, he approached the measure of a perfect man."

Other fraternal dead, at home and abroad, receive due mention.

Dispensations are not given in detail, but he owns up to having issued 301 for balloting ahead of time, and from that fact reasons that it has been a year of prosperity. Permission was given for 23 public appearances in uniform, but the occasions are not divulged, so we are at a loss as to the hold that public church going has upon the New York fraters.

Two Commanderies were constituted during the year.

The numerous decisions called for were generally answered by a reference to the Code, and were duly approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The resumption of fraternal relations with Indiana is an-

nounced, and gratification expressed at the adjustment of differences that he thinks should never have occurred. A member of a Commandery who had been engaged in the sale of the Esoteric work of the Ritual was expelled after due trial. Numerous official visits were made, and he speaks in glowing terms of the courtesies and hospitality extended.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$10,253.00 on hand; about the same amount that he had at the beginning of the year.

The Report on Necrology by Sir and Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, Grand Prelate, is an exceedingly eloquent and appropriate tribute to the memory of many deceased fraters of prominence in their own and sister jurisdictions.

In order to preserve the Templar record of every member of the various Commanderies, a form of dimit was adopted, which shall contain :

"The dates upon which Sir Knight received the orders of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, also the name of the Commandery in which said orders were conferred."

The reports of visitations made by the Grand Officers, appear in full, and indicate that the visitors had a good time and found affairs in a uniformly satisfactory condition.

A fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Commander Bowden adorns the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence comes from a committee, of which Sir Jesse B. Anthony is the chairman, and we suppose he is entitled to the credit of an admirable report, which reviews 37 Grand Jurisdictions and fills 103 pages. The usual valuable tables of statistics appear, filling four pages. The report is closed just as the hosts were gathering for the Triennial, and while hoping that the Grand Body will have wisdom to deal with the questions of paramount importance that will come before it, he seems to have some misgivings as to the result of the deliberations. We presume that he realizes by this time that his fears were well founded.

Reviewing Arkansas he says, in reference to shortening the time before balloting upon candidates :

"We are opposed to the Grand Encampment restriction of four weeks, and can see no necessity therefor. Most of the Subordinate Commanderies in New York meet twice a month, and ample time is therefore afforded for the 'utmost care in examining into the material before the orders are conferred.'"

Under Missouri he commends "the alteration of 'toast' to 'greeting,' and should like to see the same amendment embraced in the Grand Encampment Resolution."

North Carolina for 1895 has a judicious and courteous notice to the extent of two pages. He begins by quoting as follows :

"Divesting the annual address of the Grand Commander of the general orders and communications embraced therein, it is very brief. We should say however, the duties of the office had been faithfully discharged. The single decision reported is correct. We do not go very heavy on the Christmas toast business; but if made the medium of a practical holiday charitable greeting, we strongly commend it. We quote the Grand Commander's general order."

Concerning Frater Munson's claim in his banquet "note," to have a "*full* consciousness of having performed his duty to the Craft," he judges "that the Grand Recorder had discharged his full duty to himself."

He has the following to say in continuation of a criticism in his former report, on our use of a "Commandery of the indispensable number :

"Admitting that, under the laws of the Grand Encampment, a 'Commandery of the indispensable number' may be authorized, we do not understand wherein there is any authority to confer the Orders upon Royal Arch Masons. Nor do we understand by what authority the Orders having been conferred upon a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, a new Commandery could be organized. The law is plain that a dispensation can only be granted upon the application of nine Knights Templar in good standing, and further the petition for a dispensation 'must have the indorsement of the recommendation of the Commandery nearest the location designated for the new one.' We infer from the record that in the instance noted each year these essentials were not complied with. We might well question the propriety thereof."

There we have it, right from the shoulder. Last year he said in referring to the matter that: "This undoubtedly is legal, but we question the propriety thereof." Now, it looks

as though "propriety" was a mild term to use in characterizing our action. Well, we will not do so any more. We take it that our Frater is in accord with our own views on the "flag question," as he quotes what we had to say on the matter, and in his review of Ohio says that, "with no disposition to criticise, we merely remark that our preference in Templar parades is for Templar banners."

He is in favor of shortening the time a petition has to wait before balloting, saying:

"Our preference is for two weeks, affording sufficient time for all purposes of investigation; but in any event, whether two or four weeks, the requirement should be mandatory and without any qualification by dispensation. As now, it is a farce."

We are fully in accord with him on this point and on many others, which space forbids our noticing.

Fifty-nine Commanderies, 10,710 Knights; gain 322.

Sir Horace A. Noble, Buffalo, Grand Commander.

Sir John F. Shafer, Albany, Grand Recorder.

Sir Jesse B. Anthony, Utica, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Utica, Sept. 8th, 1896.

NORTH DAKOTA.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Fargo, June 21st, 1895.

SIR JOSEPH HARE, R. E., Grand Commander.

Only one Grand Officer absent and all of the Commanderies represented. There were no less than twenty-two Grand Representatives in attendance, North Carolina's being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address is a brief document, when the communications and general orders are taken out. He welcomes the visitors to a new city, rebuilt on the ruins of one that was almost completely destroyed by a conflagration

some two years before. Considering that this work was done in the face of a serious financial panic he thinks that "if there ever was more pluck, courage and confidence displayed it must have been during the twelfth century by the Knights Templar."

Fraternal dead of other jurisdictions receive the usual mention, their own Commandery having been spared a visitation during the year past.

Four of the five dispensations issued were to permit balloting before the statutory time had elapsed. Only one decision called for, which the Code answered. Official visitations were made to two Commanderies, and special deputies were sent to the others. The reports show everything in good condition, but they would seem to have been "off their feed," as no mention of banquets is made.

A general request to observe the Christmas Toast was sent out and all the Commanderies wired their response.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$8.58 on hand, all that he has left of \$442, for he appears to have received nothing during the year.

Business light and purely local in character. The Triennial Committee made a complete report of the arrangements they had made, and were discharged, a new committee being appointed to carry out the arrangements and collect the necessary assessment.

Portraits of Grand Commander Hare and Grand Recorder Thompson embellish the proceedings.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Seven Commanderies, 406 Knights; gain 37.

Sir Clarence A. Hale, Grand Forks, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

No Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Fargo, June 12th, 1896.

OHIO.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Columbus, Oct 2d, 1895.

SIR JOHN A. WARNER, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Officers were all present and fifty of the fifty-four Commanderies represented. There was also a large attendance of Past Grand Officers and permanent members, while twenty-five Grand Representatives responded to their names at roll-call, North Carolina's being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address fills 53 pages and his various official actions are elaborately set forth in a readable manner. He reports peace and harmony as being in the ascendant, no dissensions having taken place and their prosperity has been remarkable, not having been affected by the depression of business interests. He notes the decease of two Past Deputy Grand Commanders and a Past Grand Sword Bearer and many permanent members. Fraternal dead of other jurisdictions also receive suitable mention.

Numerous decisions were called for, but reference to the Code answered the most of them. We note that in this jurisdiction, officers entitled to wear shoulder straps are not required to wear the baldric.

He reports having constituted two Commanderies during the year.

The dispensations called for were granted with one exception. About half of them permitted balloting ahead of time, and a quarter of the number were to allow public appearance in uniform for various purposes. He refused one to permit appearance in public on Memorial Day:

"Not considering it a Masonic occasion, and believing that our respect and loyalty to the memory of those fallen heroes is better displayed in the character of a citizen, in which all can unite and do them honor, rather than by the display of banners and uniforms to make an attractive pageant of the occasion."

We are a little surprised that the pronounced sentiment in this jurisdiction for the National flag, does not begin to call for making this particular day a Masonic occasion.

Several official visitations were made and he reports the Commanderies visited as being "in a happy and thriving condition, doing good work, although the lack of inspections for the past three years is apparent."

The Christmas Toast was quite generally observed, an official circular requesting it, having been sent out.

The near completion and dedication of the Ohio Masonic Home is announced, and we also note that it is the beneficiary of the Grand Commandery to the amount of \$5,000.

The Triennial Conclave and the various courtesies received by the Ohio Sir Knights, come in for full attention, and we quote a few words.

"Socially the Triennial was a great success. The Conclave was a revelation, even to Bostonians. Verily it was the event of a lifetime. As to the legislative business for which the Grand Encampment is supposed to assemble, there was very little of importance transacted."

He puts in a strong plea for the resumption of Commandery inspections, which were dropped some three years ago, and also suggests increasing the dues to the Grand Commandery. Since the dues were reduced several years ago, the annual receipts have not been equal to their expenditures, and the large surplus they had on hand at the time is now about used up.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$3,313 in his hands, which is only about two-thirds of what he had at the beginning of the year.

The Triennial Committee attended to their work so efficiently that they were able to return ten per cent. of the funds appropriated for their use.

A dispensation was granted to several Sir Knights who desired to organize a new Commandery.

A long and graceful report was presented by Sir Knight Thomas J. Melish, Grand Prelate, for the Committee, on Obituaries.

A fine portrait of Grand Commander Warner appears as a frontispiece.

Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, submits his twentieth Report on Correspondence, which reviews the doings of 40 Grand Bodies and fills 158 pages. It is in our esteemed Frater's characteristic and happiest vein, and shows without question that his pen has lost none of its power to entertain.

North Carolina for 1895 has courteous mention to the extent of three pages, and our work is complimented. He thinks that Grand Commander Cobb's decision as to the jurisdictional status of the Encyclopædia agent, was a case of "drawing it pretty fine," but presumes it was "legally correct." Referring to the "order" that the Sir Knights should assemble and observe the Christmas Toast, he says:

"We don't think that a Grand Commander has any right to *order* the Templars to assemble on that day; he may *request* but certainly not *order*."

The Grand Encampment having sanctioned the observance, we are of the opinion that it is the prerogative of the Grand Commander to order it done, as well as anything else that comes within the pale of propriety; still a request would probably answer the purpose equally as well.

The recommendation that the only beverage used on the occasion should be water calls forth the following:

"That is certainly a camomile tea toast. When we drink a toast we want the genuine article, the wine that makes the heart glad, or else dispense with it altogether. We think that toast drinking without wine would be 'more honored in the breach than the observance.'"

We clip the following exchange of pleasantries with Frater Moore, of Alabama.

"He has something to say on the Christmas toast. Sorry that he does not quite agree with our views on that subject when he says: 'Why should we not drink the toast with water, Brother Carson? It would not be dry!' We have this to say in reply: To use water would be very dry—or, as we say in French, 'eau sec.' We would prefer to drink ours with Pomerey Sec. He gives us what purports to be the origin of the word 'toast,' as follows:

"'A celebrated beauty was in a public bath in England, we are told, and one of her admirers, taking a glass of the water in which she stood, drank to her health. A half-drunken fellow, who was in the crowd, on seeing this, attempted to plunge in the bath, swearing that he liked not the *liquor* but that he would have the toast.'

"All that we have to say, Brother Moore, is that if that kind of toast was presented in our Commonderies on Christmas day, there would be a large attendance, and they would not call it '*eau sec*.' "

Under Canada, commenting on their new statute that "open nominations are to be made at the election of each office," he says :

"A very excellent regulation. Some of our American Knights are very much opposed to it. We think the trouble with them is because they go to the Grand Commandery with more politics in their heads than Templarism or Masonry. One of the best provisions that can be made against gang work in a Masonic body, is that the candidates shall be openly announced before the balloting begins, that the members may know all who are being voted for."

He puts himself on record in reviewing Iowa on the "perpetual jurisdiction" question, by saying :

"We never did believe in it, and don't now; we think, however, that the time is not far distant when this rule will be abandoned by the Masonic bodies generally."

We reckon that he found cold comfort in the action taken by the Grand Encampment.

The New Hampshire Triennial badge suggests a dissertation on bicycles viewed from a Masonic standpoint, and a grotesque illustration appears, which was copied from a Masonic magazine, published in 1819. He says :

"The ancient seal of the Knights Templars organization, had upon it the figures of two Knights riding upon one horse. This was in accordance with St. Bernard's rule, that the Templars should always travel in pairs, that one should observe the other, and thereby prevent any possible chance for scandal. The New Hampshire Knights took advantage of the bicycle craze and made a novel and amusing paraphrase upon the old Knights Templar seal as their Triennial badge in Boston. It represents *two* Knights Templars riding on a bicycle. Looking at this badge we would think that 'grim visaged war' had smoothed his 'wrinkled front,' and now instead of mounting a barbed steed to fright the souls of fearful adversaries, is mounted on the peaceful bicycle, to the admiration of the boys and girls "

Reviewing Texas, he holds that the Grand Lodge, alone, has the right to determine what is Masonic, and is pleased to note that the Grand Lodges are falling into line on that matter.

His *bonne bouche* this year is a brief paper on "Androgynal Freemasonry," with a complete bibliography of the subject. He will have "none of it," but we fear that the illustrations of his paper would have a tendency to make this branch of the craft popular, rather than otherwise.

The review of the Grand Encampment is full and interesting, but it was a disappointing affair, so far as business was concerned, and he scores it in the vigorous terms, that he knows so well how to use.

Fifty-four Commanderies, 7,914 Knights ; gain 348.

Sir John P. McCune, Columbus, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Enoch T. Carson, Cincinnati, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Dayton, October 14, 1896.

OREGON.

NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Albany, October 10, 1895.

SIR PHILLIP S. MALCOLM, R. E. Grand Commander.

A Knights Templar procession, led by the home Commandery, escorted the Grand Commandery through several streets to the Asylum, where the Conclave was held, a stop being made at the public park to witness an exhibition drill. At the asylum an address of welcome was made by Past Grand Commander, David P. Meares, to which the Grand Commander made a proper response.

Two Grand Officers failed to appear, and one Commandery was unrepresented. Fourteen Grand Representatives were in evidence, North Carolina's being one of the number.

The Grand Commander's address is very brief and confined closely to home matters. One Commandery has been constituted. The two dispensations permitted balloting on candidates without waiting the statutory time.

He was unable to attend the Tribunal, and his proxy, Sir Knight C. B. Winn, Grand Standard Bearer, who made the trip, presents a full report of his experiences. He does not say so, but we infer that the Oregon Fraters are in quiet and harmony, as only one decision, and of slight importance, was called for. Fraternal dead received the usual mention, but we are pleased to learn that their own circle was spared a visitation.

The Grand Recorder notes that the address was extended extemporaneously, but he became so much interested in the "words of wisdom and knightly counsel," that he failed to take any notes, in order that they might be perpetuated in print, for the benefit of those who were not fortunate enough to be present.

Their funds have increased slightly during the year, the Grand Treasurer now reporting \$564 in his possession.

Business light and purely local in character.

"Aftermath" gives a pleasant account of the festivities connected with the Conclave, consisting of a banquet, musical entertainment and reception. The "superb banquet was provided and served by the ladies of Albany Chapter of the Eastern Star," and "thoughtful care and graceful service" were, as might have been expected, the natural result. There is something worth the while in the American exemplification of "Androgynal Freemasonry" notwithstanding the caustic criticism of our Frater Carson. In the "second section" no speechmaking was allowed, even the numbers on the programme being called in "low breath."

The Report on Correspondence comes from the pen of Sir Knight John M. Hodson and fills 80 pages. He reviews the proceedings of 36 Grand Bodies in his usual bright and entertaining manner, and the present number is his sixth contribution to the "Mutuals" literature.

Under California he expresses himself as follows, on two live questions.

"Now, we are not a Shriner, nor his wife, sister nor mother, but if there is any one thing more than another that is none of our business, as a Templar, it is that of the Mystic Shrine."

"Let the emblem of liberty float freely over every foot of our territory and over every American citizen, no matter where his business or pleasure calls him; but the banners of our order are entirely separate from the thought of civil or political power, are emblems of different principles, and while in no way opposed, yet the thoughts brought to the contemplative mind by their display are altogether different from the stirring patriotism and political enthusiasm aroused by the graceful flutter of the stars and stripes. Let us not make haste to 'improve' on the methods by which we have certainly prospered beyond the experience of any other Order; nobody doubts the thorough loyalty of every true Templar."

He also announces himself in favor of allowing any officer to resign whenever it is "impossible or unreasonable for him to discharge his official duties," which we consider a sensible view of the matter.

He also has a few sound words on the proper use of the Christmas Libation, believing that "great care must be exercised or it will degenerate into that which will damage rather than strengthen our magnanimous order."

North Carolina for 1895 has kindly notice to the extent of two pages. He is inclined to disagree with Grand Commander Cobb's decision in the itinerent case; thinks that "the Commandery where his Lodge and Chapter were located would have been justified in considering that place his legal Masonic home, and upon petition could properly have conferred the degrees," and therefore could have granted a waiver of jurisdiction.

He commends the request made that the occasion of the Christmas Toast should also be made the occasion of a collection for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home.

Commenting upon Brother Pritchard's failure to represent their Grand Commandery at our last Conclave, on account of being in attendance upon a ministerial convention, he says:

"Well, inasmuch as he was gone to Texas, we'll excuse him; that was probably punishment enough."

Wonder what Frater Elgin will have to say to that?

Referring to the use of the word "foreign," he says:

"We do not feel a bit foreign as regards our Carolina Fraters, for it was nothing but the merest piece of luck that saved us from being a native, as several generations of our forefathers, as well as foremothers, helped to make the 'Tar-heel' state, and they didn't do a bad job of it, either."

The above only adds to the many reasons that we reciprocate his regret that "we could not break 'bread and beans' with you in Boston." As we intimated to Frater Hedges last year, that figure of speech "makes no noise" with one who "knows beans."

We leave Frater Hodson, not from inclination, but because the demands of time and space will not permit us to tarry longer.

Five Commanderies, 404 Knights; gain, 21.

Sir B. E. Lippincott, Portland, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir John M. Hodson, Portland, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Portland, October 8th, 1896.

PENNSYLVANIA.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Reading, May 28, 1895.

SIR IRVING P. WANGER, R. E. Grand Commander.

The annual parade and review took place on the morning of the first day, as usual.

The Grand officers were all at their posts, and representatives from 62 Commanderies and ten Grand Jurisdictions were also present, the Sir Knight holding the commission of North Carolina not being among the number.

The city extended a welcome to the Grand Commandery through its Mayor, Sir Knight Shanaman, to which the Grand Commander made an appropriate response.

The Grand Commander reports a generally prosperous condition prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, with an in-

creased membership, although the business depression has undoubtedly lessened the growth to some extent.

He has a few sound and well-considered words on the necessity of the members becoming well acquainted with the laws and regulations of the Order, that they may properly discharge their respective duties, and his strictures seem all the more applicable as we get farther into the address.

He considers it worthy of mention that one of the Subordinate Commanderies has lately celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Two Commanderies have been constituted during the year, with the usual festivities incident thereto.

Numerous dispensations were granted, the greater number being to permit public appearance in uniform. General permission was given to attend church on Ascension Day, and its observance was commended. Three Commanderies were refused permission to attend church in uniform on Sunday, and another did not have its request granted "to carry the American flag in a drill, after the inspection and drill of the Second division, April 23, 1895," no reasons for refusing them being assigned.

Several decisions were called for and full and cogent reasons given in support of them. Many of them were apparently made necessary by a deplorable ignorance of the laws of the Order, as before mentioned.

The few visitations made were a source of much satisfaction, and a good word is said for the reports of the various Division Commanders, portions of which would have been published if it were not for making apparently invidious distinctions. Fraternal dead receive brief, but touching mention.

The funds in the Grand Treasurer's hands amount to \$6,946, an increase of nearly thirty per cent. during the year.

The Masonic Home is reported as doing a good work, with assets amounting to nearly \$75,000.

Two thousand dollars were appropriated for Triennial ex-

penses; four Grand Officers and ten Past Grand Commanders to have their expenses paid.

The installation of officers took place in the Academy of Music, varied with an elaborate musical programme and an address by the new Grand Commander. A portrait of R. E. Sir Wanger faces the title page.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Lee S. Smith and is his second effort in this line. It fills 83 pages with a courteous and discriminating review of the proceedings of 36 Grand Bodies. Like some of his associates in "the great and glorious work" of writing reviews, that we fear are read to a limited extent only, he apparently finds that,

"One woe doth tread upon another's heel,
So fast they follow:"

"How quickly the Templar years speed by, none realize more fully than do the official correspondents. One year's report is completed with a sigh of relief, but scarcely is it submitted than copies of subsequent Conclaves of the various Grand Commanderies begin to drop in, and in order that the work shall not accumulate, their review is begun, and so another year is soon past and another report must be submitted. And so the years of our earthly pilgrimage, with all their privileges and responsibilities, are swiftly passing by, and soon we will be called upon, 'one by one,' to make our final report to the Grand Commander of the Universe,"

He maps out his plan of campaign as follows, and we think that he has admirably succeeded.

"We see no reason for changing the policy outlined in our last report, so follow the same general plan. We have carefully read, and tried to fairly and impartially review, all of the proceedings that have reached us."

North Carolina for 1894 has kindly notice, with liberal quotations. We clip his reply to what we said about the apparent lack of "armed piety" in their jurisdiction.

"In reference to this subject, we hardly know what to say, for while perfectly willing that the practice referred to shall obtain in other jurisdictions, we hardly feel warranted in saying that a trial of the same in ours was eminently successful or beneficial. It always looked to us a little too much like advertising the Order's piety.

With pleasant recollections of our meeting in Boston, and

anticipations of re-union in Pittsburgh, we take leave of our esteemed Frater and take up the line of march.

Seventy-three Commanderies, 10,943 Knights; gain, 349.

Sir Edward B. Spencer, Philadelphia, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir Lee S. Smith, Pittsburgh, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Scranton, May 26th, 1896.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Sioux Falls, June 18th, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM J. McMAKIN, R. E. Grand Commander.

Six Grand Officers were absent from their posts, but eight of the ten Commanderies were represented. Thirteen Grand Representatives were also in attendance, but no one responded for North Carolina.

The Grand Commander announces the death of Sir Knight Collins D. Pratt, Grand Senior Warden, and pays a fitting tribute to his memory. Other fraternal dead of his own and sister jurisdictions are duly noted.

Harmony and peace prevail, but the Order has made but slight gains during the year, on account of the financial depression.

No decisions called for and the four dispensations issued are unexceptionable. A dispensation was refused to receive and ballot on a petition the same evening, because "the only reason given was that the applicant wished to receive the orders in time to participate in the festivities of their annual ball and banquet." We commend the Grand Commander's action and offer the following to the candidate. "You did not run fast enough," said some one to Pat when he had just missed the train. "Bedad, was the reply, "I ran fast enough, but I did

not start soon enough." Perhaps the candidate will be in time for the next festal occasion.

With two exceptions, the Commanderies observed the Christmas Toast, in accordance with a general request issued by the Grand Commander.

A Dispensation to form a new Commandery was granted, and he advised the continuance of the dispensation another year, which was done.

Being unable to make the required official visits, he delegated the duty to the Deputy Grand Commander, who presents a full report of his doings.

We fully endorse the following extract from his report.

"I have made no mention of the financial condition of several Commanderies, doubting whether it is the province of the Grand Commandery to inquire into that feature of the internal workings of the Subordinate bodies. I do, however, in this general way, wish to say that there is altogether too much carelessness among Sir Knights in the payment of dues. In nearly every Commandery that I have visited I have found large amounts of delinquent dues. The inevitable result of this carelessness is bad. A Sir Knight who is delinquent hesitates to attend the Commandery and thus loses interest. The Commandery loses a worker which is of vastly more importance than the financial loss involved. It is usually no great hardship for a Frater to pay the small amount of the annual dues as they accrue, but if he neglects the payment for a number of years he finds the amount harder to raise and many times concludes that he had better let his membership go than spare the money. If the Commanderies will promptly suspend delinquents it will have a tendency to keep the membership up and a kindness even to those it thus forces to keep 'clear on the books.'"

The Grand Treasurer reports having \$598 in his hands, a shrinkage of about one-fifth during the year.

The proceedings are of local interest merely. New statutes and regulations for the Grand Commandery were presented by the committee appointed for that purpose and adopted.

The volume of proceedings has a very neatly embossed front cover and is embellished with a portrait of Grand Commander McMakin, and several memorial pages.

Sir George A. Pettigrew presents his first Report on Correspondence, in which he fills 78 pages with a review of the doings of 37 Grand Bodies.

He announces his method of procedure as follows:

"I have endeavored to mention all matters that are of general interest, particularly so to the fraters of South Dakota who are not granted the privilege of perusing the several proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. Clippings are numerous. For two reasons I have not attempted the discussion of Templar Jurisprudence: First, I am young in the harness. Second, it has been impossible to secure a copy of the Code of Templar Law."

His first Report is a success and we regret to see that he is not backed for a second start.

North Carolina for 1894 has due and kindly mention.

Two pages of statistics, compiled from the proceedings reviewed, are appended.

Ten Commanderies, 793 Knights ; gain 38.

Sir Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen, Grand Commander.

Sir George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Recorder.

Sir Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Huron, June 12th, 1896.

TENNESSEE.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Nashville, May 8th, 1895.

SIR CHARLES H. EASTMAN, R. E. Grand Master.

The customary religious services were held before the opening of the Conclave and were conducted by the Grand Prelate, who also preached the Annual Sermon.

Only one of the official chairs was vacant and all of the Commanderies were represented. Seventeen Grand Commanderies were also represented, but North Carolina was not one of the number.

The Grand Commander's address is of moderate length and gives a full and interesting account of his official actions. He reports a quiet and uneventful year, harmony and peace being in the ascendant. The baleful influence of the financial depression has resulted in a loss of membership.

He announces in eulogistic terms the decease of Sir John

Frizzell, Past Grand Commander and Sir Charles L. Fuller, Grand Captain of the Guard.

Official visitations few, but enjoyable. The half-dozen dispensations call for no adverse comment. The Charter of a defunct Commandery was surrendered, and the Charter was restored to a Commandery that showed signs of renewed life and vigor. An extensive correspondence took place over an alleged invasion of jurisdiction by Virginia, in conferring the Orders upon a companion residing in Tennessee. On the face of it, Tennessee would appear to be in the right, but as the Companion's Lodge and Chapter membership are in Virginia, and as he also claimed and exercised the rights of citizenship in that State, which their organic law permits doing, although the person may be an actual resident of another State, we are inclined to think that Tennessee will have to gracefully yield the point, and the fees claimed. It would seem legitimate for the Grand Encampment to enact a law that an applicant for the Orders could not be a resident of two States at the same time, but recent events do not hold out much hope for relief in that direction.

His only decision was to the effect that life membership could be attained by the payment of a fixed sum of money into the treasury of the Commandery which is all right, but he added that:

"The payment of dues for a certain number of years is equivalent to a fixed sum, and such a by-law would be equally as valid."

We believe in the justice of his idea, but unfortunately it is not good law, as the laws stand, and as the Committee on Jurisprudence pointed out to him in disapproving the ruling.

He had a few well chosen words of commendation for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and regretted that the condition of the Grand Commandery funds did not admit of paying the conditional appropriation made at the last Annual Conclave.

The Grand Treasurer is obliged to report an empty treasury and some outstanding bills into the bargain.

The reports of the Grand Visitors are full and complete, showing as a rule, the Commanderies well officered and equipped, and doing good work. A strict attention to duty by the visitors brought its own reward in the shape of banqueting hospitalities.

Sir Thomas O. Morris, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, being in attendance, was presented and received with the usual honors due to his exalted station.

A Grand Conclave of Sorrow was held at one of the city churches in the evening.

Fine steel engraved portraits of Grand Commander Eastman and Past Grand Commander Wm. M. Brooks, adorn the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence bears the signature of "The Committee," but the Grand Recorder, who was announced as the *Committee* at the last Conclave, informs us that the report comes from the pen of Sir Morton B. Howell, Past Grand Commander. It is one of the best that has come under our notice and fills 63 pages, reviewing the proceedings of all of the American Grand Bodies, except Arizona and California. North Carolina for 1894 has brief but courteous notice. We are fully in accord with the following, from his "Conclusion."

"It is difficult to select, in many instances, the proper things to omit, and more difficult to condense, without injury, the very many which ought to be noted, so as to bring this Report within the bounds of our treasury."

Fifteen Commanderies, 1,065 Knights; loss 29.

Sir Orion L. Hurlbut, Chattanooga, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville, Grand Recorder, (re-elected) and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Jackson, May —, 1896.

TEXAS.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Waco, April 17th, 1895.

SIR E. J. FRY, R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery having assembled at the hotel, was escorted by Waco Commandery to the First Presbyterian Church, where the usual public religious services were held, concluding with an address by the Grand Prelate, Sir J. C. Carpenter. It was the fourteenth time and the address was up to the high standard of his previous productions, "Personal Influence" being the theme.

All of the Grand Officers were on hand and twenty-five of the thirty-one Commanderies were represented. Seventeen Grand Representatives also put in an appearance and were received with the usual honors, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address is strictly business. He reports the Order as being in a healthy condition. The accessions, if not large, have been of good material and he is an earnest believer in guarding well "the entrance to our Asylums."

Past Grand Commander, Sir Philip C. Tucker, has been called hence during the year and receives appropriate mention. The decease of the Grand Treasurer, Sir Henry Scherffius is also noticed. Few decisions were called for and they are of local interest only. The thirteen Dispensations granted, stand six to seven for public appearance in uniform on sundry appropriate occasions and to permit waiving the statutory time before balloting on petitions for the Orders.

The Christmas Toast was generally observed in accordance with the official request, duly issued.

He was able to officially visit two Commanderies, only, but the various Sir Knights designated as inspecting officers, report their attending to the duty assigned to them.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$1,475, as his cash balance.

The Commandery working under Dispensation was granted a charter.

Sir Henry B. Stoddard, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment was received with Knightly ceremonies.

Judging from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Deputy Grand Commander had issued a Dispensation to permit balloting ahead of time, and we infer that he did this when the Grand Commander was on deck and in command. If so, the strictures of the committee on his action were not out of place. They let it pass this time, but do not desire it to happen again.

A law was adopted requiring each Commandery to drill in public four times each year. It was also ordered that the reports of Inspections and Grand Representatives should not be printed in the proceedings. They evidently do not desire to place any temptation to spread themselves in the way of the latter ornamental appendages. Fifteen hundred dollars were appropriated for Triennial expenses

Sir Robert M. Elgin presents the Report on Correspondence. He does not give its serial number, but it is a judicious and entertaining review of the proceedings of 38 Grand Bodies and fills 59 pages.

North Carolina for 1894 is pleasantly noticed. He comments as follows on the resolution adopted, *requesting* petitioners to deposit with the Recorder a sufficient sum to purchase a uniform.

“Without desiring to criticise this action it seems to us that it is temporizing. If a Grand Commandery takes any action in that direction, makes it obligatory on the candidate to pay a sum sufficient to pay for the uniform in addition to the fee for the orders ”

Well! we consider it rather “milk-and-watery” ourself, like all halfway measures, and believe that it did not help matters any.

We are pleased to learn of the material prosperity of their Jurisdiction and would be pleased to accept his kind invitation, which we hope to do one of these days. His closing has

a tinge of sadness, as is natural under the circumstances but we hope to have the pleasure of perusing the work of his pen for many years to come.

"It is with something like a feeling of relief that we lay our last page by and bid a final adieu, for a year at least, to our friends of the Corps. We have long been in the harness and outlived many of those with whom we have discussed questions of Masonic law and usage. To-day more than ever, this writer was made to feel with how much speed our early contemporaries are passing away."

Thirty-one Commanderies, 2,080 Knights; gain 103.

Sir John McDonald, Austin, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir Robert M. Elgin, Houston, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, San Antonio, April 22d, 1896.

VERMONT.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

Burlington, June 11th, 1896.

SIR MARSH O. PERKINS, R. E. Grand Commander.

Three Grand Officers failed to appear, but all of the Commanderies were represented. Twenty six Grand Representatives graced the occasion with their presence, North Carolina's being included.

The Grand Commander's address, with the addition of his various proclamations and correspondence, fills seventeen pages and is a business-like account of his official acts. He reports peace, harmony and prosperity; disturbing elements have been conspicuous by their absence and accessions to their membership have been unusually large.

Fraternal dead receive extended notice, chief among them being Sir Rigney D. Marvin, Past Deputy Grand Commander.

A pleasant duty was performed by the Grand Commandery

in acting as escort for the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the latter celebrating its centennial. Physical indisposition prevented official visitation, much to his regret, but the reports of the other inspecting officers generally indicate the existence of a high standard of efficiency in the Commanderies, banqueting hospitalities not being neglected.

Several Commanderies observed the Christmas Toast and one or more of the Christian Days, and he sincerely hopes that these observances will become universal. The usual dispensation was issued permitting public appearance in uniform on Memorial Day.

Three-fourths of the other dispensations were called out by requests for permission to ballot ahead of time, and the other one allowed a Commandery to visit the Grand Commandery of New York at its Annual Conclave.

He has some strong words of commendation for the Alabama resolutions relating to the unseemly display of Templar emblems at the coming Triennial, and hopes that the Green Mountain Sir Knights will "avail themselves of the golden opportunity to attend the Conclave of the Grand Encampment, as such an opportunity will not again present itself, if ever, in many years."

No decisions were called for.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$1,206 on hand, an increase of fifty per cent. over the amount given in his former report.

Business light and routine matters solely. The Committee on the Triennial was continued with full powers and no restriction on their expenditures. We fancy that the next report will show a hole in their surplus.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Kittredge Haskins and is his second effort in that line. It fills 68 pages and is a courteous and interesting review of the proceedings of 39 Jurisdictions.

The following extract from his review of Indiana indicates that he has not outgrown the parading age:

"We are not very firmly wedded to the idea that a Commandery of Knights Templar should appear in uniform, and in public, only on occasions strictly Masonic. The more we learn and know of Templarism the less we see of Blue Lodge Masonry in it. And aside from the fact that, under our Code of Laws, the Lodge and Chapter are made stepping stones to the Commandery it has but little else to do with it. The chapeau with its feathers, the baldric, the sword, the belt and tinselly were made to be worn, and if confined to be worn in asylum and on strictly Masonic occasions, only, then will 'moth and rust corrupt,' even if 'thieves do not break through and steal.' O, give us a broader conception of our Order, and more open air parades."

Under Maine he asks a pertinent question, as follows :

"Why should a Commandery 'junket,' (for such these, so called, 'pilgrimages' are, nine times out of ten); or the sitting at the banquet table as the guests of another Commandery be considered Masonic occasions? Such occasions have no more connection with Masonry than they have with the order of A. P. A.'s, or of hundreds of other societies. When we speak of 'Masonic occasions,' we refer to such, and such only, as are permitted to the Blue Lodges. We do not object to Commanderies banqueting together, or going off on a pilgrimage of recreation and pleasure. We hold it to be perfectly proper for them to do so, and to our mind it would greatly redound to the interest of the Order if they came together more frequently, on such occasions, and we would multiply them. What we object to is, the justifying of whatever is done under the figure of 'a Masonic occasion.' It is all perfect nonsense. A Templar organization may well be permitted to do many things that would be forbidden to a Blue Lodge. The dress, regalia, and ceremonies of the Blue Lodge are modest, unassuming and subdued, all designed for the privacy of the lodge room, except on certain well defined and specially set apart occasions. While that of the Templar is for out-door, street show, pomp and parade with banners and brass bands, as well as for the work of the asylum."

It is hardly necessary to say that the foregoing was called out on account of Memorial Day being characterized as not a "Masonic occasion," by the Grand Commander of Maine.

North Carolina for 1894 has courteous notice, and he gives us no peg to hang a discussion on, if we were disposed to seek one.

Ten Commanderies, 1,396 Knights; gain 73.

Sir Silas W. Cummings, St. Albans, Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder, re-elected.

Sir Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Burlington, June 9th, 1896.

VICTORIA.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Melbourne, May 31st, 1895.

SIR E. H. WILLIAMS, Supreme Grand Master.

The Great and Grand Officers and Members were present, also representatives of the four constituent Preceptories.

The Grand Master is advisable to emulate the example of his predecessors, and so presents a brief address of two pages. He congratulates the Sovereign Great Priory on its continued prosperity and sound position, and rejoices at the steady and unobtrusive progress made during the year.

The greater portion of the address is devoted to a consideration of the masonic, religious and political position of the Order in Victoria, and the advisability of becoming locally independent; and he expresses himself in part as follows:

"While this Great Priory is in a position to make its own laws, and to some extent, to alter its doctrines, even to making them parallel with those in the United States of America (where belief in the Holy Trinity is not even required of members,) the question naturally arises whether in a new country like this, it be advisable to take, or passively allow to be taken, any steps in such direction."

As we understand it, the requirement that candidates for the Orders shall testify to their belief in "the Christian religion" is tantamount to expressing a belief in "the Holy Trinity."

The funds in the Grand Treasurer's hands amount to £16, but there seems to be £45 due him from the several Preceptories.

The Grand Council thought that their official roster was rather top-heavy, and recommended a reduction in the number, but the Great Priory did not see it in that light. Hopes are entertained of obtaining recognition by the Grand Encampment of the United States at its coming Triennial Conclave. The proceedings of our Grand Commanderies have been quite generally received, but they seem to be neglected by their own kin, as they announce their failure to re-

ceive the proceedings of the Great Priories of England and Ireland.

The decease is announced of Sir John Moir, Past Grand Master and Sir Knight W. Bridal, Grand Guard. The volume contains some thirty pages and gives the proceedings for five years. A portrait of Supreme Grand Master Williams faces the title page.

Four Preceptories, 76 Knights.

Sir E. H. Williams, Supreme Grand Master, (re-elected.)

Sir J. C. Kennedy, Melbourne, Grand Chancellor.

VIRGINIA.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Richmond, Nov. 14th, 1895.

SIL J. PARKE CORBIN, R. E Grand Commander.

Three Grand Officers failed to appear and two of the Commanderies were unrepresented. Fifteen Grand Representatives were on hand, however, and North Carolina's was among the number.

The Grand Commander says that the past year has been a sad one in their history. "Death has invaded our Asylum and 'its brightest lights are gone.'" He pays a heartfelt tribute to the memory of their deceased Fraters, Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, who was also their own Grand Recorder and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Virginia; also Past Grand Commanders William H. H. Lynn and Francis A. Reed.

Eighteen dispensations were issued, of which two-thirds were to permit balloting out of time, and the balance public appearance in uniform, principally on the occasion of church attendance.

The question of jurisdiction between Tennessee and themselves is reported as in a fair way for settlement. The Grand

Encampment decided that Tennessee was in the right, and we quote a portion of the report of the committee to whom the matter was referred, which was presented by the chairman, R. E. Sir Josiah H. Drummond:

"The Statutes of the Grand Encampment made the question of jurisdiction to depend on 'residence' and not on 'citizenship' or the right to vote. The right to vote and exercise of that right is ordinarily a weighty evidence of residence, but when the laws of a State confer that right upon a non-resident, the fact of course ceases to be evidence of residence. Whether the laws of Tennessee allow one of its residents to escape the duties and obligations of citizenship, by giving his allegiance to another State, does not appear, and may well be doubted. In the opinion of your committee, however, Templar jurisdiction depends upon residence, and in this case the residence of the candidate in its ordinary sense, and in its Masonic sense, was in Tennessee, and therefore, that the Virginia Commandery had no jurisdiction over Companion Furguson when he presented his petition."

Virginia made a gratifying representation at the Triennial, and their reception brings out the following:

"The knightly, courteous and whole-soul welcome extended by the Fraters of Boston and of New England, to their brethren of the United States, will ever be remembered, and will be but a strengthening bond in our indissoluble union of hearts. Among the evidences of esteem shown us as Templars, the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, surrounded by the Grand Lodge of his old and honored jurisdiction, reviewed the parade of Christian Knights, and as our heads were bared in passing, it was to honor the representatives of the Grand Lodge that has done so much to sustain the corner stone of our beloved Order in the United States."

Official inspection received the usual attention and the reports of the inspecting officers are very full and generally satisfactory.

The Committee on Education at the Masonic Home presents an interesting and instructive report. This institution is certainly doing a noble work, and it redounds to the credit of the Grand Commandery that, at this Conclave, they increased the annual dues from the subordinate Commanderies, twenty-five cents per member, the increase to be devoted to the educational work of the Home.

The Grand Treasurer has \$314 to his credit, a gratifying increase during the year.

The Triennial Committee reported that they had \$649 left

out of the \$1,395 placed at their disposal. For such successful handling of the funds entrusted to them, they well deserve the thanks with which they were discharged.

The usual Past Grand Commander's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Commander.

The rule of the Grand Encampment, to ballot in the election of officers without nominations, was adopted, and the subordinate Commanderies directed to observe the rule hereafter.

A special appropriation of \$200 was made for the Home library, and the same amount was appropriated to the "William B. Isaacs Memorial Association," which proposes to erect "an appropriate monument and other suitable memorial, at the Masonic Home of Virginia," to the memory of their lamented and beloved Frater.

A committee was appointed "to recommend suitable tactics to be used by the Subordinate Commanderies."

No report on Correspondence, and they seem to have fully abandoned the idea of ever having one, as no committee appears to have been appointed for the coming year.

A special assembly of the Grand Commandery was held on June 11th, to pay the last said rites of respect to the memory of their Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Williams B. Isaacs.

Twenty Commanderies, 1,457 Knights; gain 95.

Sir John P. Parham, Petersburg, Grand Commander.

Sir James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Recorder.

Next Conclave, Richmond, at pleasure of the Grand Commander.

WASHINGTON.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Seattle, June 7th, 1895.

SIR GEORGE N. ALEXANDER, R. E. Grand Commander.

All of the Commanderies were represented and only two of the Grand Officers were absent. Twenty Grand Jurisdictions were represented, North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address is a full recapitulation of his official acts, including correspondence and general orders. He reports a peaceful and harmonious year, with an increase of membership, notwithstanding the hard times.

Fraternal dead are fully noticed, their own official circle remaining unbroken. A Commandery working U. D. was constituted during the year.

A lengthy correspondence took place with the Grand Commander of New York, relative to an invasion of jurisdiction. A New York Commandery had Knighted a resident of Washington, who had also been exalted a Royal Arch Mason in New York, and in his application to both bodies had represented that he was a resident of their jurisdiction. On the facts being made known, he was promptly expelled for unmasonic conduct in misrepresenting his residence and the fee forwarded to the Washington Commandery.

In accordance with a general dispensation, six Commanderies attended Divine service on Easter Sunday, and one of them also observed Ascension Day, the average attendance being forty swords.

The Grand Commander is in full accord with the Alabama resolutions relating to the unseemly use of Templar emblems, and would also be glad to see the Commanderies refrain from dispensing intoxicating liquors at their headquarters. Owing to the stringency of the times he advises that any surplus funds be used to relieve the subordinate Commanderies of the per capita tax, rather than for Triennial expenses.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$281. on hand, a gain of \$51. during the year.

Business light and of local interest only.

A reception was given in the evening by the Sir Knights and ladies of Tacoma Commandery. Addresses and music made up the entertainment, followed by a banquet and dancing; the banquet being "furnished by the ladies." We have a slight acquaintance with occasions of this sort and our only regret is, that they do not come more frequently.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in approving the three dispensations issued by the Grand Commander, comment as follows on the one that permitted balloting upon a petition and conferring the Orders in less than the regular time:

"This was no doubt done for good and sufficient reasons, although the same does not appear in his report. We can not too strongly urge that in a case of this character this privilege should be granted only for the best of reasons."

If such a committee had the granting of the privilege, there is no question but what a great reduction in the number would be the result, but the mischief is done before the committee has anything to say about it.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of Grand Commander Alexander.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Yancey C. Blalock, who has filled 101 pages with a review of the proceedings of 29 Grand Bodies. It is his fourth report and, like its predecessors, is largely made up of extracts, but they are selected with discrimination, and we have no doubt the report is perfectly satisfactory to those for whom it is prepared, and those are the ones for whom the reviewer is laboring. North Carolina does not seem to be in it, but no doubt that is because their Conclave was held earlier than usual and, therefore, our proceedings did not reach him in time. We clip his "Conclusion":

"We have arrived at our journey's end for the year and are pleased to note that with few exceptions the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed show an increase of membership. We have endeavored to give our Fraters of Washington 'the Templar news' in as compact a form as possible owing to our treasury being somewhat below the reserve mark and there being no bonds to issue. We are still willing to be classed among the 'clippers' by the members of the 'Guild,' but if they could hear us at home—as our Fraters do—they would not wish us to 'speak up in meetin'' when it comes to the report."

Nine Commanderies, 585 Knights; gain 2.

Sir Horace W. Tyler, Spokane, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Recorder, (re-elected,) and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Seattle, June 3rd, 1896.

WEST VIRGINIA.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Fairmont, May 8th, 1895

SIR W. W. VAN WINKLE, R. E. Grand Commander.

All but three of the Grand Officers reported for duty and only one Commandery failed to be represented. The representatives of 15 Grand Commanderies were introduced and welcomed, the one holding the commission of North Carolina being among the number.

The Grand Commander begins his address with congratulations that their number remains unimpaired and that Masonry shows large gains in the jurisdiction, although the year has been one of financial hardship.

His firm purpose to visit all of the Commanderies failed of realization, through adverse causes. The six that he visited enable him to report that there is a prevalent regard for good and true work. The banquets were "traditional" and sumptuous.

No decisions called for and only five dispensations were issued. He has a few well-merited words for the Correspondent, Sir O. S. Long.

The General Order requesting the observance of the Christmas Toast contains the following:

"Any Commandery desiring to visit any charitable institution, to show love for, and give assistance to, the poor, helpless and destitute, has my permission to make such visit, either upon Christmas or New Year's day, in uniform."

No pilgrimages of the kind are reported, however, although four Commanderies celebrated the event.

The matter of uniformity in uniforms is dwelt upon at length; the recommendation being made that action be taken in the matter, and that those not having uniforms be required to procure them, or be denied admission to the Asylum.

The other members of the "Line of Knights" submit full reports in relation to their official visits and other acts.

The funds in the Grand Treasurer's hands amount to

\$1,446, an increase of nearly forty per cent. over the amount previously reported.

A charter was granted to the Commandery U. D., which becomes No. 11 on the list. The uniform matter was settled in double-quick time, the special committee appointed to consider the matter having reported in detail, which report was at once adopted and the Grand Recorder ordered to issue a circular embodying the report.

The Triennial Committee reported the result of their labors and was continued, to carry out the scheme they outlined, with \$1,200 placed at their disposal for entertainment. The Grand Treasurer was also authorized to honor any additional orders drawn by the Committee, in excess of that sum, if it should be found inadequate for the desired purposes. We await their next report with interest.

A special committee presented an elaborate ritual for the Christmas Observance, which was adopted. Another committee was appointed to purchase a Grand Standard.

The thoughtful countenance of Grand Commander Van Winkle gazes upon the title page with an air of deep intent and a portrait of Grand Recorder Dunnington also adorns the proceedings.

Sir O. S. Long presents the Report on Correspondence, which fills 86 pages with a bright and sparkling commentary on the doings of 34 Grand Bodies and the sayings of their Correspondents. We sincerely regret that North Carolina failed to participate in the distribution of his favors, but somehow it failed to connect, and we know that it was not the fault of "our Horace."

It is "three strikes and out" with our esteemed Frater for he celebrates the presentation of the third report of the second series, by announcing his retirement from the Corps, as follows:

"And now, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights in West Virginia, this correspondent 'having served full three long years' in this capacity, is most desirous, if it so please you, to obtain another furlough. We

respectfully beg to decline further appointment upon this committee and we fraternally suggest and recommend the designation of our accomplished friend and brother, Sir A. B. White, of Parkersburg, as our successor at this post. He is a zealous and well informed Templar, and a Faber No. 2 is familiar to his touch. We bequeath to him all our quarrels—the compliments he will earn for himself. Deal gently with him, O ye Reporters; as ye have dealt with us, and, so,—May God bless us, every one.”

We part company with our Frater with great regret and as “the King is dead, long live the King,” so we extend a cordial greeting to the new addition to the “Mutuals.” Our meeting with Sir Knight Long at the Triennial will always be a pleasant recollection.

Eleven Commanderies, 781 Knights; gain 55.

Sir W. H. H. Holswade, Huntington, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir A. B. White, Parkersburg, Chairman of Committee on Templar Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Charleston, May 31th, 1896.

WISCONSIN.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Milwaukee, Oct. 8th, 1896.

SIR EUGENE S. ELLIOTT, R. E. Grand Commander.

Three Grand Officers were not at their posts, but all of the Commanderies were represented and there were also present 21 Grand Representatives, North Carolina's not being among the number.

The Grand Commander's address is a well written document of good length, and is all solid address.

Fraternal dead of their own family receive appropriate mention, among them being Sir Robert DeLa Montanye, Grand Guard, Sir Albert Von H. Carpenter, Past Grand Commander and Sir Milton D. Bartlett, Past Deputy Grand Commander.

He reports having granted several dispensations, none of

them being of sufficient importance to give in detail, and he refused one to permit public appearance in uniform on Decoration Day.

The system of District Rendezvous, adopted last year, was generally carried out. The State was divided into seven districts and six of them had very successful and satisfactory gatherings. The work of exemplification is thus characterized:

"Some of the work was excellent, much was good, and some decidedly poor, but I deem it best to avoid particular comparison, as the scheme was new and some Commanderies labored under the disadvantage of having their official corps of officers unequal to the duties imposed upon them. If the plan is continued, as I trust it will be, Commanderies will doubtless scrutinize carefully the competency of aspirants to office and particularly to the officers of Eminent Commander, Captain General, Senior and Junior Warden. There are no better men in any organization than are to be found on the roll of our Commanderies. Generally speaking, the rank and file are all right; able and willing to respond to any reasonable call. Where defects exist the responsibility must rest upon the officers, which is simply another mode of stating the old maxim, that 'an army of sheep commanded by a lion is more to be dreaded than an army of lions led by a sheep' "

The ladies turned out to some extent, but a still larger attendance is desired. He waxes eloquent upon the subject and we cull a few lines that our readers may have a taste of his quality, and he and *our* "Eugene" would apparently make good yoke-fellows:

"In feminine influence Templar Masonry has a force for good that is all powerful. It should no longer be ignored. In ancient times, women turned to the Templars for protection; we need not blush to-day to call upon the women for help. Not for any militant qualities which we may assume they possess, but for that gentle, yet vivifying influence which enobles whatever it touches, and which is an inspiration for everything pure and beautiful and good. At our feasts, at our assemblages, upon our Templar excursions, let us no longer neglect this powerful influence."

The Triennial has a full share of attention. The "Badger" jurisdiction was well represented and pleasantly situated:

"The Commanderies of Wisconsin were grouped under one roof; their members were constantly thrown together; the ladies accompanying them were made acquainted and there can be no doubt that many strong and lasting friendships were thereby begotten. The good it did our respective commands is, in my opinion, incalculable, and I am strongly of the opinion that

it would be money well spent should similar arrangements be made at all future encampments, even though the cost should be double what we are called upon to pay for this."

The only "fly in the ointment" appears to be that, they arranged for more extensive quarters than they eventually found necessary, which left them with a deficiency of nearly sixty per cent. of their appropriation.

The Grand Treasurer reports his cash balance as being \$2,418, and their total assets appear to be \$3,879.

The Grand Commandery participated with the Grand Lodge in the laying of the corner stone of a building to be erected by Winconsin Commandery and a brief but very eloquent address was given by Grand Commander Elliott, who is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

The system of Inspection by District Rendezvous was considered worthy of another year's trial.

Sir Wm. C. Swain presents the Report on Correspondence, which is his thirteenth. Forty jurisdictions pass in review, many of them having a double portion. The report fills 116 pages and opens thus:

"As we remarked in closing, last year, our thirteenth annual report is likely to prove long, possibly, for the patience of our readers, on account of the shortness of our last. Still they must remember that thirteen is an unlucky number, and possess their souls in patience. We once knew a man who ascribed his defeat at Whist to the fact that he played with thirteen cards."

It may be an unlucky number for him, which we certainly trust will not be the case, but it surely is not for the reader, for he has presented a report that can hardly be improved upon.

North Carolina for 1894 and 1895 is noticed to the extent of three pages. He does not believe in life memberships, but agrees with us, that the question could very properly be left to the subordinate Commanderies to settle for themselves, and he well says that "there is a good deal of unnecessary legislation in our Grand Bodies." The Grand Encampment steered well clear of that rock at the last Conclave, and left

undone much that ought to have been attended to. Perhaps we had the lesser of two evils, however.

He also differs with us in regard to the Templar use of the National flag, saying:

"If it was a question of making a law that the flag should be displayed, we should agree with him; but it was merely a request, and we do not know of any place too good for 'Old Glory' to be seen."

Nor do we, but there is a time and place for all things, and, notwithstanding the growing custom of having the flag floating above our school houses, one would look askance at seeing it displayed on a church.

Under Colorado we find the following, referring to an order of the Grand Commander:

"We are rather of the opinion that he overdid the matter a little when he *ordered* his Commanderies to drink the Christmas Toast. We have no objection to being *asked* to drink; but compulsion seems to savor a little too much of the cowboy system—that is, as cowboys are reported in humorous columns of newspapers "

Frater Birdsey, of Connecticut, having noticed that the last year's report had nothing to indicate its author, he says:

"We little thought, while attending the funeral of the printer who last year omitted our signature, that he was thereby gaining for us a reputation for modesty. We now wish that we could restore him to life long enough to apologize to him."

That is one of the things that had been "better left unsaid," as its moral effect upon the printers will be a bad one. The signature attached to this report shows that he holds "a fist" that cannot be bragged about at the expense of his associates upon the Corps and we can only account for the few errors in the body of the report by assuming that he has a "pretty type-writer girl for a lieutenant. If we part company with our Frater at this time it is not from choice, but for the same reason the boy gave for leaving off eating, "because he had no more room."

Twenty-six Commanderies, 2,848 Knights; gain 131.

Sir George H. Hopper, Racine, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder, (re-elected.)

Sir William Chester Swain, Milwaukee, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Conclave; time and place not announced.

WYOMING.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Laramie, May 8, 1895.

SIR WILLIAM DALEY, R. E. Grand Commander.

Only two of the Grand Officers were absent and four of the five Commanderies had representatives present. An even dozen Grand Representatives were received and acknowledged, but no one claimed a share of the honor for North Carolina.

The Grand Commander announces that the year has been one of tranquility and prosperity, notwithstanding the serious financial depression and the misfortunes and disasters of their own people. Death has not invaded their official circle during the year. No decisions given that he considers worthy of note and but one dispensation issued, which, like the great majority in every jurisdiction, permitted balloting out of time.

Ascalon Commandery No. 5 was constituted under favorable auspices.

All of the Commanderies observed the Christmas Toast in accordance with a general request issued by the Grand Commander. A General Order was issued permitting appearance in uniform at Divine service on Good Friday or Easter, and the reports received indicate an increased interest in this observance. He has learned of no misuse or excess in the use of intoxicating beverages at Templar banquets, that would call for any restraining order. Official inspection was omitted on account of business cares. The creation of an officer to be known as the "Inspector General" is recommended.

The Commandery has \$437 to its credit, nearly double the amount reported the last time.

Business light and solely of routine nature. The Committee on the Grand Commander's address approved all of his many recommendations and advised their adoption, but we do not find that it was done in any instance.

A portrait of Grand Commander Daley appears as a frontispiece.

Sir John C. Baird, for the Committee on Correspondence, announces that a pressure of professional business and impaired eyesight had prevented his preparing a report, and the other members of the committee had equally as good reasons for not undertaking the work. He also says:

"No one feels the omission of a review more keenly than the undersigned. A review is the life and spirit of printed proceedings. Omit a review and you withhold the seasoning from the soup, or, if you will, the effervescence from the champagne. Any board is better spread for a few bouquets. But details of business and columns of statistics will have to answer this time. However, the excellent condition of the Order in Wyoming and the improved prospects must cheer every Templar in the Jurisdiction."

We heartily congratulate them on their future outlook and trust that Frater Baird will be able to give us a taste of his quality another year.

Five Commanderies, 250 Knights; gain 29.

Sir Frank M. Foote, Evanston, Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Baird, Cheyenne, Grand Recorder, (re-elected) and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Conclave, Rawlins, May 13th, 1896.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

TWENTY-SIXTH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE. Boston, Mass., August 27th, 1895.

SIR HUGH MCCURDY, M. E. Grand Master.

The usual parade preceded the opening of the Conclave, which, if not the largest, was undoubtedly as imposing as any that has ever taken place on similar occasions. The crowd

that assembled to view it was probably the largest that ever witnessed a knightly parade. The decorations, both public and private, were magnificent.

After the parade was over the Grand Encampment assembled in the Masonic Temple and were welcomed by Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Grand Commander of Massachusetts, Sir Knight Edwin U. Curtis, Mayor of Boston and Governor Frederic T. Greenhalge. Grand Master McCurdy responded in a particularly happy and felicitous manner.

The Grand Master's address is an eloquent and poetic document, fully sustaining his previous reputation in this respect. A tender tribute is paid to the memory of deceased officers, Sir George C. Connor, Grand Sword Bearer, Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder and Sir James Sorley, Past Grand Captain General. He reports eighteen of his official decisions, only one of which failed to meet the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence. His decision that a Companion elected to receive the Orders must present himself within a year, or stand another ballot was credited with being "founded upon good sense and is the expression of good judgment, but it has not been made the law of the Order, and can not be approved as such."

To the question, "Can a Unitarian become a Templar," he replies:

"Any Companion Royal Arch Mason in good standing may petition a Commandery for the Orders, and having signed such a petition, as the law of the Grand Encampment requires, he can not be further questioned on the subject of his faith. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to add new requirements."

Dispensations were issued to form nine new Commanderies.

An incident of the Conclave was the introduction of Sir Knight Lucien C. Paige, Past Commander of Massachusetts, who is ninety-four years old and has been a Mason and Knight Templar for over seventy years. The venerable Sir Knight received a cordial and impressive welcome from the Grand Master.

Sir Knights W. H. Whyte, Grand Master, and E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master, delegates from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, were introduced and welcomed, to which the Sir Knights made a felicitous response.

It was not deemed advisable to make any change in the Ritual of Malta and the Committee on Ritual was discharged from further consideration of the subject. An appropriation was made to print 1,200 copies of the present Ritual for distribution, there having been urgent need of them for some time past.

The jurisdictional difficulty between Illinois and California was decided in favor of the former and California required to make suitable reparation. Tennessee vs. Virginia was decided in favor of Tennessee and the Missouri case was decided in accordance with the ruling of Grand Commander Morrow.

Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, presented a long and highly appropriate "Memorial of the Illustrious Dead."

A new Constitution and Code was presented by Past Grand Master James H. Hopkins, Chairman of the Revising Committee, but it was considered only in part and further action deferred until the next Triennial.

Several amendments to the Constitution that had been offered were rejected after discussion.

Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, of Ohio, submitted a proposition to hold the future Conclaves in the city of Washington, but consideration of the matter was deferred until the next Conclave.

The reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer show an increase in membership of nearly 14,000 and assets of over \$30,000.

Charters were granted to eight new subordinate Commanderies.

The proceedings make a volume of 304 pages and contain portraits and biographical notices of M. E. Grand Master Hugh McCurdy and Past Grand Master John P. S. Gobin.

Forty Grand Commanderies, 29 Subordinate Commanderies, 106,670 Knights.

Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, Maysville, Ky., M. E. Grand Master.

Sir William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo., V. E. Grand Recorder.

Next Conclave, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 11th, 1898.

CONCLUSION.

The end of our reportorial journey is reached, the last volume of proceedings is laid upon the shelf and, like the tired school-boy, we look forward with pleasure to the coming vacation.

We have paid our respects to 39 of the 42 sister jurisdictions, Arizona, Louisiana and Oklahoma Territory being the missings ones; the list for 1895 is complete with the exception of the former, Louisiana having been noticed in our preceding report. Regarding the last of the three, we only know that a Grand Commandery was organized in October last.

The printer is calling for the last installment of copy and we hastily bid adieu to our brother reviewers. Shall we all meet again in print another year? *Quien sabe!* We are sure that many of them will regret to learn of the death of our predecessor in this work, Sir Knight George W. Blount, who passed away on November 29th, after a long period of ill health. "His death was untimely and his brethren mourn."

Courteously submitted

JOHN C. CHASE,

Committee.

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GRAND COMMANDERY.

TITLE.

SECTION 1. The title of this body is "THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commandery is composed as follows :

1. The Grand Commander (whose style is Right Eminent).
2. The Deputy Grand Commander (whose style is Very Eminent).
3. The Grand Generalissimo (whose style, as well as that of the remaining officers, is Eminent).
4. The Grand Captain General.
5. The Grand Prelate.
6. The Grand Senior Warden.
7. The Grand Junior Warden.
8. The Grand Treasurer.
9. The Grand Recorder.
10. The Grand Standard Bearer.
11. The Grand Sword Bearer.
12. The Grand Warder.
13. The Grand Sentinel.

All of whom shall be annually elected by ballot, except the last four, and these may be elected or appointed as the Grand Commandery may select at the time.

All Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Commanders: all Past Deputy Grand Commanders; all Past Grand Generalissimos, and all Past Grand Captains General of this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members in good standing of a Commandery under its Jurisdiction.

Also: The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each warranted Commandery lawfully holding in this Jurisdiction.

Also: The Past Commanders of the several subordinates working under this Jurisdiction, so long as they remain members in good standing of a Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery.

The foregoing Officers or their proxies, and Past Officers shall be the only voters in this Grand Commandery. They shall have but one vote each on any question, except the Grand Commander, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote, and except the representatives of a Subordinate Commandery, either of whom, in the absence of his associates, may cast the whole number of votes to which the Commandery he represents may be entitled.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 3. No Sir Knight shall be eligible to office in this Grand Commandery unless he be in regular standing in one of its Subordinates.

Any member of the Grand Commandery, qualified as in the preceding paragraph, is eligible to any office in its gift.

POWERS.

SEC. 4. This Grand Commandery being supreme in all matters appertaining to its internal affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar within its Jurisdiction, which is co-extensive with the geographical limits of the State of North Carolina. It has power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and holding Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and to extend and revoke the same, to enact Statutes and Regulations, to issue edicts and to amend or repeal the same; to censure, suspend or erase Commanderies, and to try and discipline Commanders and Commanderies for wilful violation of its Statutes and Regulations or edicts; to finally decide all appeals from its subordinates or their members, and to exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its Jurisdiction, subject to the provisions of its own Statutes and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

All powers not specially delegated to the Subordinate Commanderies are inherent in, and reserved to, the Grand Commandery.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 5. The Stated Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall occur annually at such time and at such place as may have been decided at the previous Annual Conclave.

SPECIAL CONCLAVES.

SEC. 6. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander in any emergency which may appear to him to require the presence of the representatives, but

no business can be transacted at a Called Conclave, save that specified in the original summons.

REPORTS, DUES ELECTION, ETC.

SEC. 7. At the Annual Conclave the Grand Officers shall make report, in writing, of their official acts. The several Subordinate Commanderies shall make return of their work and membership, and promptly pay all dues accrued according to the rates hereinafter specified. The state of the finances shall be examined, and such disposition be made in relation thereto as may appear necessary.

All petitions for Warrants, and Appeals from Subordinates or Sir Knights, shall be passed upon.

The Grand Officers shall be elected and installed, and all business necessary to the stability of the Order and harmony and prosperity of the Grand Commandery and its Subordinates shall receive attention.

The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 8. The Grand Commander has it in charge to exercise a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, to see that the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, are duly and promptly observed and obeyed; he has power during recess to grant Letters of Dispensation over his hand and private seal to a

competent number of petitioning Sir Knights who have complied with the regulations on the subject hereinafter provided (Sec. 15 of Statutes, and Secs. 13 and 14 of Regulations); to form and open new Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this Jurisdiction; to summon before him either or both of the Financial Officers of this Grand Commandery with their books and accounts, and to audit and examine the same whenever he shall deem it necessary; to call Special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery at his discretion; to preside at all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, and when thus presiding, no appeal shall lie from his decision to the Grand Commandery, excepting on questions arising as to the construction of Edicts and Resolutions of the Grand Commandery; to convene, visit and preside in any Subordinate Commandery in the Jurisdiction, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require.

During the recess, to exercise all the executive powers of the Body, subject to revision at the succeeding Annual Conclave, among which may be mentioned the power to suspend from the functions of his office (for cause) any officer of the Grand or a Subordinate Commandery; to suspend the warrant of a Commandery; to receive and accredit representatives from other Grand Commanderies in the United States, and to appoint representatives of this Grand Commandery near others in this Republic.

It is his duty to be present in person or by proxy at all meetings of the Grand Encampment.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 9. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his

superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

SEC. 10. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commander, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander, and such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 11. The Grand Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditures passing through his hands; carefully number and file his vouchers, and annually (unless oftener required by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery) make in writing a full statement of the same, together with the balance (if any) remaining in his hands, submitting, at the same time, his books and vouchers for the examination of the Grand Commandery, through a committee appointed for the purpose.

At the installation of his successor he shall deliver into his hands all books, papers, vouchers, and other property of the Grand Commandery, which may be in his custody.

BONDS BY GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall each, before installation, give a bond and securities in such form and to such an amount as shall from time to time be determined by the Finance Committee, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bond and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to collect the revenue of this Grand Commandery, and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; to make annual report in writing of the amount thus collected; to keep a faithful record of the transactions of this Grand Commandery; to make, under the direction of the Grand Commandery, annual publication of the same, and to forward copies thereof to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, to the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Commanderies, the Grand Officers of this Grand Body, and to the several Subordinate Commanderies as he may be directed; to have in custody the official seal of the body; to observe and execute such orders as may, from time to time, be issued to him by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, and to deliver to his successor in office all the books and other property of the Grand Commandery in his possession.

REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned them from time to time by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

WHO SHALL PRESIDE.

SEC. 14. In the event of the absence of the four principal officers of this Body from one of its Conclaves, the Past Grand Officers present shall be empowered to preside, according to rank and seniority of service.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SEC 15. Subordinate Commanderies are divided into two classes :

First—Commanderies under Dispensation acting by authority of Letters of Dispensation issued by the Grand Commander.

Second—Warranted Commanderies having the sanction of a Warrant of Constitution issued by the Grand Commandery.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Commanderies under Dispensation can only be formed on the petition of nine or more regular Knights Templar, who are required to pay their dues to the Warranted Commandery to which they have been attached up to the time of presenting the petition for a new Commandery, and to give notice personally, or in writing, to the mother Commandery of their intention to unite with the new Commandery; or if non-affiliated, to be in possession of an honorable discharge from their last affiliation.

NEW COMMANDERY MUST BE RECOMMENDED.

The petition must be recommended by the Warranted Commandery nearest the place where the proposed new Commandery is to be established, which recommendation must vouch for the regular standing of the petitioners, and that the Sir Knights named as officers of the new Commandery are competent to confer the

several Orders in a skillful and Knightly manner. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

No Dispensation can issue within three months previous to the Annual Conclave, nor can a Warrant be granted until the petitioners have exhibited their skill by labor under Dispensation.

POWERS OF COMMANDERY UNDER DISPENSATION.

Commanderies under Dispensation have power to confer the several Orders of Christian Knighthood; to admit members; to frame a Code of By-Laws for their own government, but not to discipline their members, or hold elections, or to be represented in the Grand Commandery.

WARRANTED COMMANDERIES.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 16. A Warranted Commandery is composed of

1. The Commander (whose style is *Eminent*).
2. The Generalissimo.
3. The Captain General.
4. The Prelate.
5. The Senior Warden.
6. The Junior Warden.
7. The Treasurer.
8. The Recorder.
9. The Standard Bearer.
10. The Sword Bearer.
11. The Warder.
12. The Sentinel.

And as many members as may be found convenient.

PRESENCE OF THE WARRANT.

The presence of the Warrant is indispensable to open a Commandery or transact business.

JURISDICTION OF A COMMANDERY.

The Jurisdiction of a Commandery extends to a point half way to the nearest Commandery in every direction. In towns or cities where there are two or more Commanderies, they have concurrent jurisdiction.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer and Recorder of Subordinate Commanderies shall be elected annually, as hereinafter prescribed, and when such officers have been duly installed they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. The remaining officers may be elected or appointed, as the Commandery may by its By-Laws provide. A vacancy in office can only occur by death, resignation, or removal from the State. The first three officers cannot resign.

POWERS OF WARRANTED COMMANDERIES.

A Warranted Commandery has power to decide for itself who shall be admitted to its membership by admission or affiliation: to confer the several Orders of Knighthood in accordance with the usages of the Order and the Regulations of this Grand Commandery; to exercise original jurisdiction in the trial and discipline of all its members (save the Commander) and all non-affiliated Sir Knights and members of Commanderies under dispensation within its jurisdiction; to adopt a Code of By-Laws for its government, not in conflict with the provisions of these Statutes and Regulations; to pro-

vide for its current and necessary expenses by an assessment upon its members, payable annually or otherwise, and in case of default in the amount needed to defray its necessary expenses, to impose a special tax for the purpose; to affiliate other Sir Knights created in other Commanderies; to grant demits to its members, which may be done without a vote of the Commandery at a Stated Conclave, upon request made in the open Commandery, personally or in writing, *provided* his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him; to be represented in the Grand Commandery, and to instruct its representatives therein, and, generally, to transact its business and regulate its private affairs, due regard being had for its own laws and those of the Grand Commandery.

TERMINATION OF A WARRANT.

The existence of a Commandery may be terminated by surrender of its Warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of all its members, duly summoned for the purpose, and provided that the minority be less than nine; or by the calling in of the Warrant by the Grand Commandery, after due trial, as a punishment for insubordination or willful infraction of the laws of the Grand Commandery, or those of the Order in general.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 17. The Stated Conclaves of a Commandery are fixed by a provision of its By-Laws, but should occur at least monthly, and can only be held in the place designated in the Warrant, and particularly specified by regulation of the Commandery.

Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander at his discretion; but no business can be transacted save that specified in the summons. At Special Con-

claves no petition for the Orders or affiliation can be received; nor can the ballot be spread for candidates; nor can the funds of the Commandery be voted away.

QUESTIONS DECIDED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTES.

At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. In case of a tie, the presiding officer may give the casting vote.

No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 18. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery, and that annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty to preside at all meetings of his Commandery, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs; he should be present in person, or by proxy, at all meetings of the Grand Commandery.

The duties of the remaining officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be more specially set forth in Regulations and By-Laws to that effect.

MEMBERS OF A COMMANDERY.

SEC 19. The members of a Commandery are all Sir Knights who may be created therein, or who may affiliate therewith. In either case unanimous consent is necessary to the completion of the act of membership. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dismissal, or by expulsion, after due trial, and a vote of the

majority of the members present when the vote is taken; membership is suspended by the fact of a Sir Knight uniting in the formation of a Commandery under dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a Warrant to the new Commandery, unless the member give notice in writing, or personally in open Commandery, at or before the surrender of the dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership.

MEMBERSHIP IN ONE COMMANDERY.

A Sir Knight can be in active membership in but one Commandery at the same time.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Honorary membership confers no rights, and is but the expression of a compliment by the Sir Knights. Any Sir Knight may, therefore, hold honorary membership in as many Commanderies as choose to confer the distinction upon him.

RIGHT TO VOTE.

It is the right of every member of a Commandery to be present at its Conclaves, and to vote on all questions before it.

ought to belong to Commandery.

Every Sir Knight ought to belong to a Commandery, and to assist by his presence and contributions in maintaining its dignity and promoting its prosperity.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

Every member in good standing is eligible to any office in the gift of the Commandery, unless the By-Laws otherwise specially provide.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 20. Violations of the law of God, the law of the

land, the laws of morality; willful violations of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery or the By-Laws of a Subordinate, are offences against this Order, and subjects the offender, after due trial, to such punishment as the degree of his offence may warrant.

GRADE OF PUNISHMENT.

In case of conviction, a majority vote will assess the punishment of any grade.

The grades of punishment are: First, reprimand; second, definite suspension; third, expulsion.

Suspension terminates by its own limitation, and no act of the Commandery is necessary to the complete restoration of the Sir Knight at the termination of the period fixed by the sentence.

RESTORATION ON PETITION.

In case of expulsion, the delinquent Knight may be restored on petition, after due notice to the members, and by a majority vote. Such restoration does not restore him to membership, which can only occur by petition and unanimous vote.

RESTORATION ON APPEAL.

The Grand Commandery may, on appeal or petition, terminate a sentence pronounced by a Subordinate Commandery, and when so terminated, in case of expulsion, he is restored to good standing only, and not to membership. When a sentence is reversed for irregularity in the proceedings or insufficient proof, the accused returns at once to the same standing he occupied before charges were preferred against him.

DEPRIVED OF MASONIC RIGHT.

When a Sir Knight after due process has been de-

prived of his Masonic right in a Lodge or Chapter, for some offence other than non-payment of dues, he thereby loses his standing as a Templar, and unless his Commandery cause him to be tried for the same offence, and pronounce sentence of its own authority, his reinstatement by the Lodge or Chapter restores him to his previous Templar standing.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 21. The Statutes may be changed or amended at each Annual Conclave, but only upon written notice, reducing to form the proposed amendment given at the Annual Conclave preceding that at which the vote is to be taken, and then by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Commandery present.

REGULATIONS

—OF THE—

GRAND COMMANDERY.

OF CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. No Commandery in this Jurisdiction shall confer the Orders upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, nor upon any one living within the Jurisdiction of another Commandery, unless the consent of the Commandery nearest the place of residence of the candidate be first obtained, nor upon sojourners.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF JURISDICTION.

In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to Knightly discipline, and be required, upon demand, to pay over to the Commandery thus defrauded the amount of fees received for such admission.

FREE FROM PHYSICAL DEFECT OR BLEMISH.

SEC. 2. Candidates for the Order of Knighthood must be so far free from physical defect or blemish, as in the judgment of the Commandery to be able to receive and impart the necessary instruction of the Ritual.

PETITIONS.

Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or

has not been previously rejected in a Commandery. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED.

No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence and occupation. No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant. Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

PETITIONS CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN.

When a petition is presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petitioner.

REPORTS MUST NOT BE RECORDED.

The character of the report of a Committee of Inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded. An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

ACTED ON ONLY AT STATED CONCLAVES.

Petitions can be received and acted on only at Stated Conclaves.

No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

PETITION CANNOT BE BALLOTTED IN LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS

A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery.

THE BALLOT

SEC. 3. When a Commandery is about to ballot for a candidate, every member present is required to vote, unless excused by a vote of the Commandery, and there must be an unanimous vote to elect.

BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED.

SEC. 4. The ballot for a candidate should follow immediately upon the report of the Committee of Investigation, and once begun must be completed.

SECOND BALLOT.

SEC. 5. Should a negative ballot appear, the Commander, before announcing the ballot, may order a second, if no one participating in the first ballot have left the Asylum, but no more.

TIME ON REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 6. A rejected candidate cannot again apply until after twelve months from the time of rejection, and not then in any other Commandery than that in which the rejection occurred, without its consent. A majority vote at a regular Conclave is sufficient to give consent.

APPLICATION OF REJECTED CANDIDATE.

In the case of a rejected applicant who applies at the end of twelve months after the rejection of his first petition, at least one month's notice must be given before a new ballot can be had.

OBJECTION TO CANDIDATE.

SEC. 7. When a favorable ballot has been declared, it is still competent for any member of a Commandery at any time previous to the actual conferring of the Orders, to interpose an objection to the candidate, which objec-

tion operates as a rejection, unless the objection is withdrawn, and the objector is not obliged to give his reasons for his objection, when his objection is announced.

CALL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE BALLOT.

SEC. 8. The right to call for the reconsideration of a favorable ballot lies with the Sir Knight desiring it, and not in the discretion of the Commander or Commandery.

OF THE ORDERS.

SEC. 9. The rules of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1. Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

BEING MAIMED NOT A BAR TO RECEIVING ORDERS.

SEC. 10. A Knight of the Red Cross, having lost a limb, or being otherwise maimed, is not thereby debarred from receiving the remaining Order.

FEE NOT LESS THAN TWENTY DOLLARS.

SEC. 11. No Commandery can create a Knight Templar for a sum less than twenty dollars, to be paid in advance; and it is hereby declared unlawful to refund, directly or indirectly, to the newly named Knight any portion of the amount paid by him as his fee.

MEMBERSHIP IN COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION.

SEC. 12. All dispensations for holding Commanderies expire ten days previous to the time fixed for holding the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. It is then incumbent on the members who work it to elect whether they will continue in the new Commandery, or return to the one from which they last hailed. Any Sir Knight desiring to resume his former membership,

must give notice in writing to that effect to the new Commandery as well as the old one.

DUTIES ON EXPIRATION OF DISPENSATION.

SEC. 13. On the expiration of a Dispensation, it is the duty of a Recorder to forthwith make out a return of members and Orders conferred, and forward the same, with the amount of dues accrued, the Dispensation, and a copy of the By-Laws to the Grand Recorder, so that the same may reach him not later than the five days before the Annual Conclave.

REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 14. Every Commandery is entitled to be represented in the Grand Commandery by its Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General, or either of them, or in the event of their inability to attend, by proxy, who must be a member of the same Commandery as his principal, furnished with a duly authenticated certificate as his appointment.

NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 15. Each Commandery of fifty members, or less, is entitled to three votes in the Grand Commandery, and, for each additional fifty members, one vote more—the Senior Officer, personally present, to cast the additional votes.

ANNUAL DUES MUST BE PAID.

SEC. 16. No Commandery is entitled to vote unless its annual dues be paid.

HOW A COMMANDERY FORFEITS ITS WARRANT.

SEC. 17. A Commandery failing to make returns and pay dues for two consecutive years without reasons satisfactory to the Grand Commandery, forfeits its

Warrant; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Recorder to report such delinquent; and in the event of its failure to make reasonable excuse, the Grand Commander shall demand the Warrant and properties.

FEEES AND DUES.

SEC. 18. The revenue of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources:—

For every Dispensation to form and open a new Commandery, which shall be accounted in full for a Warrant if afterwards granted \$90.00
Each Chartered Commandery shall pay annually for each of its members as dues 1.00

ELECTIONS IN COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 19 The annual election of officers in the several Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be held at the Stated Conclave next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in each year. Every Sir Knight, a member in good standing of a Commandery, is entitled to vote at such elections. The vote must be by written ballot, and officers selected must have a majority of all the votes cast.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 20. Officers of Subordinate Commanderies must be installed at or before the next Stated Conclave succeeding that of election, and they cannot be represented by a proxy.

SEC. 21. Any actual or Past Commander of a lawful Commandery is competent to install the officers of a Subordinate Commandery.

REMOVALS.

SEC. 22. A Commandery may not remove its place of meeting from the city, town or village named in its

Warrant, nor from one place to another in the same city, town or village, unless by consent of two-thirds of the members present at a Conclave summoned for that purpose, of which at least ten days' notice has been given. Nor shall a removal from one city, town or village to another be lawful, unless in addition to the vote aforesaid, the approval of the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander be obtained.

COLLECTING OF DUES.

SEC. 23. Every Commandery has a right to provide for the collection of dues from its members, but the process of striking from the roll is hereby forbidden.

SEC. 24. Any member of a Commandery refusing or neglecting to pay his dues for one year, shall, after ten days' notice, and due trial, be subject to suspension by his Commandery, such suspension to cease upon payment of the dues to date of restoration.

QUORUM.

SEC. 25. No Commandery can be opened unless there be present the Warrant, one of the first three officers, and at least eight other regular members of the Commandery.

UNLAWFUL CONCLAVES.

SEC. 26. The Order of Knights Templar being founded on the tenets of the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues, recognizes the obligation to abstain from labor on the Lord's Day. It is, therefore, hereby forbidden all Commanderies in this Jurisdiction to hold Conclaves on Sunday for any other purpose than the burial of the Knightly dead.

RECEPTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 27. All Officers of the Grand Commandery of

this State, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States, when visiting officially any Commandery within this Jurisdiction, shall be received under the Cross of Steel, and conducted to the East.

In the opening ceremonies of every Commandery within this Jurisdiction, the Eminent Commander shall also be received under the Cross of Steel.

TRIAL AND APPEAL.

SEC. 28. Whenever difficulties shall arise between a Commander and his Commandery, or one of its members, or between two Commanderies, or between members of different Commanderies, or between the Grand Commandery and one of its officers, or a Subordinate Commandery under its Jurisdiction, and charges be preferred thereon, such charges must be:

1. Substantially in the form provided by this Grand Commandery; and
2. Presented to the Grand Commandery if in session, or during recess, to the Grand Commander.

CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED.

SEC. 29. Upon the receipt of such charges, the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander shall first ascertain whether upon their face they are of such nature as to subject the accused, in case of conviction, to any grade of punishment known to the Order, and provided by Section 20 of the Statutes. If, upon such examination, they be found trifling and frivolous, they shall at once be dismissed; if otherwise, they shall be referred to a commission, consisting of not more than five nor less than three Sir Knights in regular standing to hear, try and determine the same; and their finding shall be

conclusive, unless reversed upon appeal, as hereinafter provided.

COMMISSIONS TO BE APPOINTED.

SEC. 30. When the charges are preferred in a Commandery and, upon examination, are found of a nature to be tried, it shall be the duty of the Commander for the time being, to appoint not less than three disinterested Sir Knights as Commissioners to hear the evidence in the case and report their conclusions thereon to the Commandery, a majority of the members of which, present when such vote is taken, shall be competent to pronounce a verdict, by the adoption, amendment or rejection of the report made by the Commission, and such verdict shall be final, unless reversed on appeal.

TEN DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.

SEC. 31. Charges must be served on the accused at least ten days previous to the trial, and for good cause the Commandery may grant a further reasonable delay.

SIR KNIGHT ABSENTING HIMSELF.

SEC. 32. Where a Sir Knight against whom charges are preferred, absents himself, or conceals his address so that charges cannot be served upon him personally, it shall be lawful for the Commandery to cause a copy of the charges to be sent through the mail to his last known place of residence or business, and ten days thereafter to proceed with the hearing as though he was personally present.

COUNCIL MAY BE APPOINTED.

SEC. 33. Sir Knights under charges may be represented by counsel, at any stage of the trial, provided such counsel be a Sir Knight in good standing.

COPY OF APPEAL.

SEC. 34. After the trial and sentence, the party against whom such sentence is pronounced, may, within six months thereafter, appeal to the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, as he may elect, but not to them jointly; the accused giving notice of intention to appeal, and furnishing to the opposite party a written copy of the grounds of his appeal within twenty days after such sentence.

SEC. 35. The Grand Commander is hereby ordered to hear and determine all appeals made to him, provided that no new evidence shall be introduced or heard on such appeal; that his authority shall only extend to the ordering of a new trial, and not to the amendment or alteration of the original finding; that immediately upon the rendering of his decision, he shall notify the parties and forward a copy of his decision in writing, together with all the papers in the case, to the Grand Recorder; and that such decision shall be conclusive on all parties until the next succeeding Conclave of the Grand Commandery, when a further and final appeal may be had.

EXPENSE OF TRIAL.

SEC. 36. The strictly necessary expenses of Commissions for the trial of cases referred to them shall be paid by the Commandery, or one or all the parties litigant, as the Commissioners may determine, and in the case of individuals, be charged and collected as dues.

UNIFORM.

SEC. 37. The uniform, banners and equipment of Sir Knights and Commanderies in this Jurisdiction shall be in strict accordance with the Regulations of the Grand

Encampment of the United States; adopted in 1862.
Provided, That Cuffs and Gauntlets be dispensed with.

COMMANDERIES SHALL REPORT.

SEC. 38. The Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies shall make returns to the Grand Recorder at least one month previous to that in which the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall be held, and immediately after the Installation of the Officers, shall report the names of the same to the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.

SEC. 39. That in order to provide for official visitation of Grand Officers to Subordinate Commanderies the expenses of Grand Officers making the same, shall be paid out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. *Provided*, That the Grand Commander make the visitation in person, or designate some other Grand Officer by Dispensation.

EXPENSES.

SEC. 40. The Grand Commandery shall pay, yearly, the expenses of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Grand Sentinel, when attending to their official duties; and the salary of the Grand Recorder be Fifty Dollars per year; and that the above remain in force until repealed by the Grand Commandery.

COMMANDERIES NOT TO BE NAMED AFTER LIVING PERSONS

SEC. 41. No Subordinate Commandery within this Grand Jurisdiction shall be named after any living person.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 42. These Regulations may be amended at any Annual Conclave by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Commandery present when the vote is taken.

RULES OF ORDER,

1. The Grand Commandery shall be convened at eight o'clock, P. M., on the first day of the Annual Conclave, and the time for the remaining sessions may be fixed by vote.

2. At the order of the Grand Coramander, Officers and Sir Knights shall repair to their respective posts.

3. It is incumbent on all Sir Knights to appear in the uniform of the Order.

4. The Grand Recorder shall call the roll of Officers and Representatives, and the Grand Commander fill all vacancies in the stations by *pro tem.* appointment.

5. The Grand Commandery shall be opened in Ample and Knightly form.

6. The Grand Recorder shall read the minutes of the previous Annual Conclave and all intervening Special Conclaves, unless, on motion, such reading be dispensed with.

7. The Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, consisting of three members, each:

- I. On Credentials and Returns.
- II. On Address of the R. E. Grand Commander.
- III. On Warrants and Dispensations.
- IV. On Finance.
- V. On Appeals and Grievances.
- VI. On Next Place of Annual Conclave.
- VII. On Necrology.

VIII. On Unfinished Business.

IX. On Templar Jurisprudence.

X. On Fraternal Correspondence.

All of which Committees. save the last two, shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Commandery.

8. The Grand Commander shall deliver his annual address.

9. The Deputy Grand Commander and other Grand Officers shall report their official acts.

10. No motion on resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be passed until the same shall have been referred to and reported on by the Finance Committee.

11. No Sir Knight shall speak more than twice to the same question unless by permission.

12. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

13. An amendment to an amendment may be entertained, but nothing further.

14. Votes are to be taken by show of hands, except in electing officers, when written ballots are to be used.

15. A vote by Commanderies, when asked for by a member and seconded by the Representatives of two Commanderies, shall be ordered; but it must be called for before the presiding officer has commenced taking the question.

16. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

