THOUSANDS FOR LIGHT.

SPLENDID ELECTRIC DISPLAY AT THE CONCLAVE.

Boston Will Be as Brilliant as if Set With Gems—No Expense Will be Spared by the Knights Templar—Some Features of the Magnificent Arrangements.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—Thousands of electric bulbs, with the purple and gold and black and white of the Knights Templar always in the ascendant will make Boston by night a mammoth gem of unrivalled brilliancy during the week of the triennial conclave. In fact the knights are determined to make this part of the display something that will surpass anything of the kind ever attempted in this part of the country, probably in the world. In this they have the hearty co-operation of the merchants of the city, many of whom are themselves Knights, and are already arranging for grand electrical displays of Templar emblems in Templar colors.

A number of eight and ten-story buildings will be a blaze of light, illuminated by thousands of multi-colored lamps, with the cross of the Templars always in the foreground. The electricians have already begun the work of arranging for the designs and setting them in place, and all will be completed before the advance guard of the visitors gets here.

Boston has already made a name for itself on account of its electrical displays and floral decorations. City Forester Doogue has arranged for combinations of Knights Templar designs in the public gardens which he says will be on an even grander and more elaborate scale than those which attracted so much attention during the Christian Endeavor convention. The public gardens will also be illuminated by myriad electric lights, which will show up Masonic emblems from behind the trees and shrubbery in a way that will be at once attractive and unique.

The electrical display will not be confined to any one section of the city, but the points of most interest will naturally be where the Templars hold forth. At those points the Sir Knights are now conducting the arrangements without regard to expense or anything else that will best further their efforts.

The big, granite Masonic building at the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets the headquarters of the craft in Massachusetts, and the pride of all New England Masons and Sir Knights—the great structure remarkable for its beautiful Gothic architectural design, within and without—will be wrapped in bunting by day and a blaze of electricity by night, but the decorations will be such as to not detract from the distinctive features of the immense building which the art of the decorator could not enhance.

Thousands of dollars will be expended in beautifying this building by bringing out the emblems with the best effect, and the display will be one which will be by night what the gilded dome of the state house is to Boston by day. It will be seen miles away, and will make the Temple the very heart of the city.

The basis of this illumination will be a mammoth Templar cross, 85 feet square, with a distance across the outer face of each wing 70 feet. This will cover nearly the entire face of the Tremont street side of the Temple, and it will be outlined in a double row of red and white lights, alternating, in all 513.

In the upper wing of the cross will be the cross and crown of the commandery. This will be 15 feet square and its outlines will also be developed by means of 124 red and white lights. The space in the centre of the cross will be occupied by a Salem cross, 15x10 feet, and in the bringing out of this 125 yellow and purple lights will be used. The emblem of the consistory, the double triangle, will be shown in the right wing of the Temple cross. This will consist of 88 red and frosted lamps, and, like the other designs will alternate in colors.

In the left wing the Royal Arch chapter will be represented by a keystone, 10 feet square. Its outline will be in red and white, while within the double circle in the centire, also similarly outlined, will be the emblematic letters of the mark master degree, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. This design will contain 136 lamps.

The square, compass and letter G of the blue lodge will be shown in the lower wing. This will also be 10 feet square, and outlined in 168 blue and white lamps.

On the top edge of the building the words "Fidelity, Fraternity and Charity" will appear. These letters will be four feet high and 29 inches wide, and it will require 964 lamps to define their outlines.

During the day this display will be equally pretty as by night, because in the construction of the bases of the designs, first-class workmanship has been displayed, and the colors of the different degrees brought out with the minuteness of detail.

One of the biggest firms in Boston, Houghton & Dutton, which was the pioneer in electrical decoratons of this sort in the country, have a magnificent scheme for illuminating the big 9-story Albion building during the conclave. This is a case where past experience will be used and an effort made to outdo all previous attempts at electrical display.

While the Endeavors were here Tremon street was crowded with people every night, and thousands of upturned faces glowing with admiration watched ever-changing combinations of light, which elicited constantly complimentary words of wonder and pleasure.

The great show then made will be far outdone during the conclave.

On the Beacon street side of the building on the roof edge will be the word "Fraternity," over the clock. "Fidelity," and on the Tremont street side "Charity." The letters will be four feet high, and will be in alternate colors of red and white. About 1,400 lights will be used in this design.

On the curve of the building cornering on Tremont and Beacon streets will be shown some of the finest electrical effects possible. Above the ninth story will be the blue lodge design, the square, compass and G. This will be ten feet square, and will contain 400 lights. The letter will be in red, and the square and compass in white. Around the clock will be 85 red and white lights.

Above the seventh floor will appear the Templar cross. This mammoth affair, 18 feet square, will be outlined by three rows of white lights, while within the border will be massed red lights, in all 1902. This will be one of the finest attempts at massing color shown in the city. Above the fifth floor will appear the word "Welcome," with letters three feet high, containing 350 red and white lights, each letter alternating in color. Above the second floor the letters "K. T." will be shown, with 300 lights in each letter. The letters are outlined in white, and filled with red.

On the Beacon street side of the building, between the sixth and seventh floors, and resting on the pillars will be the Salem cross, the cross of the grand commandery. This design is 15x10 feet, and contains 400 lights. The outline will be in gold and the body purple. Occupying the same relative position on the Tremont street side, a passion cross will be displayed by means of 400 lights. Its color will be solid red.

In all, about 6,300 lights will be used in the display.

These two buildings will be typical of 50 others in the city, for many of the leading houses have already signified their intention of spending thousands of dollars in displays of this kind.

The visiting knights have also sent word that they will co-operate with the hotels at which they make their headquarters in making electrical display, and Apollo commandery of Chicago which will be quartered et the Parker house has voted $1,000 for this purpose. Other commanderies are showing an equal spirit of liberality and the members of the committees say that the rivalry in this respect will result in illuminations which as a whole will stand unequalled in the history of the country, if not in the world.

The sir knights have decided to draw a very tight line on the decorations in one respect, and a protest made by the Grand Commandery of Alabama is receiving considerable attention in this regard.

During the last triennial conclave at Denver in 1892, many of the knights were shocked to see the emblem of the cross and other Templar designs over the doors of saloons, and considerable talk was made over it.

The Alabama commandery had the matter brought before it soon afterwards at its annual meeting and as a result resolutions were passed to the effect that "Whereas the grand commandery of Alabama remember with sorrow and display 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 petitions 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."

There is assurance on every hand from the Grand Commandery officials that the cross will not be displayed over the doors or anywhere about any Boston saloons.

Two cities are making a great fight for the next triennial. They are Atlanta, Ga., and Pittsburg, Pa. Atlanta is putting up the best front and if a concerted effort is made will probably get it. There is an opinion in Boston that Atlanta wants about everything it can get, but admiration is expressed for the push and hustle the southern city is showing and there is a feeling that the town should get the conclave if her representatives can show that she is able to care for the crowd. Perhaps that is expressed because Bostonians like Atlanta, but at any rate there is so strong a feeling here that Pittsburg must hustle hard if she wants to win the prize from her southern sister.

Grand Commander J. K. Orr of Georgia was here a few days ago and he spoke as follows regarding Atlanta's chances:

"It's a big convention, and always brings together 300,000 people. It taxes the accommodations of any city and if the convention should be brought to Atlanta it would fill up the city. In fact, it would run it over. I remember the last two conventions at Washington and Denver—they filled up those towns.

"But Atlanta will grow a great deal in three years. That time is a great while in Atlanta's history and there's no great reason why the convention should not go there.

"We have splendid headquarters in Boston and we want to make our headquarters the typically southern headquarters at the conclave. We know how the fellows up North like that sort of thing. We shall make strong efforts to have the chorus of Knights sing "Atlanta in 1898."

R. G. LARSEN

ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY.

A ST. JOHN LADY WHO HAS BEEN AT FAIR ST. MARTINS.

Her Description of Mrs. Pretense Whom She Has Met in the Past—Impressions of St. Martins and the People who Make the Life of a Visitor Pleasant.

ST. MARTINS, N. B., Aug. 19.—It has been my privilege to have had a vacation every summer for a dozen or more years. Until this season, while on such holiday trip, I have had the misfortune of meeting Mrs. Pretense everywhere I have gone.

Who is Mrs Pretense? You do not mean to say you have not met her? I have no doubt that you have run across her much more frequently than I have, but you may know her by some other name. Generally speaking, she is a womun of little or no education who has married a man with more money than knowledge of hnman nature; but she not untrequently has no greater bank account than she has regard for the Queen's English. She has the house in hot water from early morning until late at night. She only considers a small percentage of the other guests as at all her equals socially; and talking to these in a loud chatter, she retails the family history—or rather her version of such history for the information of all within hearing. She tells all about the family plate; her distinguished connexions; how much better her husband is than other men; what dear darling children her's are and then, perhaps to make those she specially patronizes feel the obligation they are under she time and time again declares that she does not stand on ceremony as to making acquaintances when on a vacation. Of course she finds fault with the management of the house; complains of the inattention of the landlady and tries to make the servants believe that they are worked almost to death. She has not been long at resort until everbody else including those who try to appear interested pronounces her a spendthrift of her tongue—in other words a bore. I had about made up my mind that this kind of women was to be found at every sea side hotel in the country and had begun to regard her as a necessary evil. This year I have had great room for thankfulness, however, for Mrs Pretense was not among the many guests at the Kennedy House, the best patronized of the few good hotels at this charming sea-side resort.

St. Martins has all the natural advantages of a most desirable summer resort. The bay which fronts it is one of the finest in the world; the beach is an extensive one and the facilities for bathing are excellent. There are numerous nice drives in and around the village, the road for the most part being good and the scenery very pretty. The people are very hospitable. For the past four weeks the weather has been delightfully fine, and persons who came here almost invalids have taken on health and flesh with astonishing rapidity.

Although the impression has existed in pretty well informed circles in St. John city that St. Martins is an out of the way place and hard to reach, it is quite an easy matter to get here. Less than an hour's drive by the Intercolonal takes one to Hampton. At the latter place you take the Central railway and in about two hours more you are at St. Martins. Despite reports to the contrary, the St. Martins railway is in excellent condition. Conductor Weir and his brakemen, Mr. Charles Simpson, take great pride in explaining to tourists all about the beauties of St. Martins; and while railway generally are proverbially obliging the gentlemen I have named are more than usually courteous.

The Kennedy House has had a great run all summer, the visitors being mostly ladies and children. Among the tourists there have been many from St. John, Fredericton, Sussex, Hampton and Rothesay as well as more than a few from towns in Nova Scotia, and one young lady from Cambridge Mass., The beach has been one of the great attractions for most of the visitors. Part of every day programme has been to sleep, eat, read, gossip, bathe and weigh. The weighing process has been quite a tax on the good nature of Messrs Miller and Hastings, who have scales in their respective establishments. Some of the ladies have gained from eight to ten pound each in weight in two or three weeks here. This certainly speaks well for the Kennedy House and for the building up capability of St. Martins air.

Mr. R D. McA. Murray is the druggist here, and he seems to be as popular in St. Martins as he was in St John. His place of business adjoins the post office which is in charge of an obliging young man, Mr. Fred Cochran.

Very many in the village turn out every Saturday night to see the train getting in. It generally brings a large crowd of persons who stay over Sunday. Sometimes among the number arriving by this train are two well known young lawyers from St John. One comes up, it is said, to see his mother and sister, who are summering here. The other has no such excuse, though no doubt he comes for some equally good purpose.

St Martins has a debating society. The next discussion should be given to the public, for the question for debate is an interesting one: "Resolved that ladies have a right to ride bicycles and to wear bloomers, if they so desire, while engaged in such exercise."

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Where Smoking is Regulated.

Almost every other country in Europe consumes more smoking tobacco in proportion to its population than does France—This is especially the case with Germany. In many small German towns smoking in the streets is forbidden. Less than fifty years ago if a man ventured on the streets of Berlin with a cigar in his mouth he would be liable to arrest. The same provision existed until 1848 at Vienna, though the law was not observed by the populace. The town of Broeck, in Holland, which is said to be the cleanest city in the world, has long forbidden the people within its walls to smoke after sunset in the streets unless with a covered pipe, "in order that the cinders may not be blown about." Smoking with an uncovered pipe in German or Austrian forests is an offence that is vigorously punished, and as a result of this regulation forest fires are rare in those countries.

Bayonets in Church.

When Sir William Walter, who lived from 1597 till 1668, captured the city of Winchester, his puritan and Parliamentary soldiers entered the cathedral with colors flying, their drums beating, their matches fixed, while some of their troops on horse accompanied them in their march, and rode up through the body of the church and chance till they came to the altar. Soldiers with fixed bayonets were seen in Canterbury cathedral, on Monday, the 10th October, 1892, on the occasion of the colors of the 1st. battalion of the East Kent regiment (the Buffs) being accepted by the Dean and Chapter, and deposited in the Warriors chapel. During times of insurrection in Ireland from 1796 to 1817, it was quite a common thing for troops in outlying districts to attend Divine service fully accoutred as if on the line of march, and sit with fixed bayonets and loaded muskets

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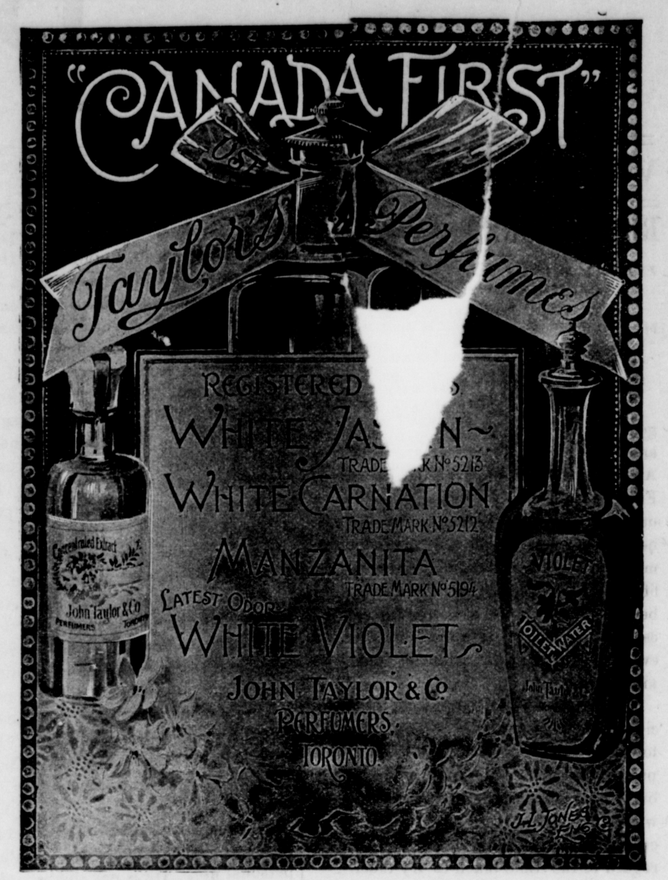

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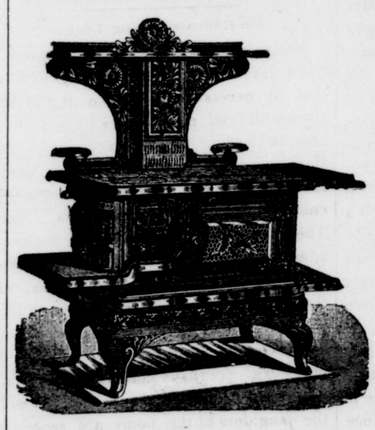

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