

The following letter has been issued by M. E. Sir Knight Colonel Moore, Great Prior, and is ordered to be read aloud in all Preceptories under the jurisdiction of the National Great Priory of Canada at the first meeting after its reception. The banners to be draped in mourning, and the Freres to have their sword hilts and jewels veiled in crape for the space of three months thereafter:

LAPRAIRIE, PROV. OF QUEBEC,
21st Day of January, A.D. 1882.

The Great Prior, to all Preceptors and Freres of the Orders of the Temple and Malta in the said Jurisdiction.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

It is with the deepest feelings of profound sorrow and regret that I take this opportunity to make known to you the death of our Very Eminent Fratre Thomas Douglas Harington, Past Great Sub-Prior of the Dominion, and Representative of Great Priory of England and Wales, which sad event took place at his residence in Prescott, Ont., on Friday, the 13th of January, 1882.

Our Brother had passed the allotted span of life, being in his seventy-fourth year at the time of his decease, and the "All Merciful God" had vouchsafed to him, not only length of years and of honors, but also comparative freedom from pain, disease, and decrepitude during his earthly pilgrimage. He passed away with great suddenness, while conversing in the evening twilight with his family, after having spent the day in his usual health and activity,—one momentary pang and all was over; "The Silver Cord was loosed, the Golden Bowl broken, and the spirit had returned to God who gave it."

Bro. Harington was born at Windsor, England, on the 7th June, 1808, and was descended on his father's side from a good old English family, while he inherited from his mother a portion of the renowned lineage of the gallant Douglas line. He spent his early life as a midshipman in the Royal Navy, and afterwards as an officer in the East India Company's merchant service. In 1832 he became a resident of Canada, and shortly afterwards entered the Civil Service of the Crown, in which he remained until his retirement four years ago, having obtained the position of Deputy Receiver General, closing a service of forty-six years without spot or stain.

Bro. Harington received the Light of Ma-

sonry in 1843, and from first to last was an earnest and energetic worker in the Craft. He was deservedly honored by his brethren by the highest offices in their gift; having been repeatedly elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. On the 10th of April, 1854, he was installed a Knight Templar in the "Hugh de Payens" Preceptory, Kingston, Ontario, and bringing to the chivalric order the same energy and zeal that he had given to Craft and Capitular Masonry, he soon obtained the highest and most honorable position the Sir Knights, his brethren, could confer upon him.

As was but right, his funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 19th January, was deemed a fitting occasion for showing the love and esteem in which his memory is held by his brethren. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, assisted by several Past Grand Masters and several distinguished brethren, conducted the burial ceremonies. A large number of Masons from all parts of Canada attended, while the Cosmopolitan character of the Craft was well illustrated by the presence in the procession of the two Lodges, the Chapter, and the Commandery of Knights Templar belonging to Ogdensburg, New York. I have much pleasure in publicly tendering the cordial thanks of the Great Priory of Canada to the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of the above mentioned Templar body, for the chivalric courtesy with which they volunteered and gave their services as an escort to the remains of the deceased.

The body of our lamented brother was interred in the old "Blue Church Burying Ground," in Augusta, near the town of Prescott, where he had often expressed a wish to be laid at rest; an historic spot, where, under the shade of the evergreen pines, lie sleeping so many of the United Empire Loyalists of the surrounding country. To the revered company of these men of true Faith, Loyalty and Honor, one more fitting companion is now added, for of a saretly no man more true and faithful in his reliance upon his Divine Saviour, more loyal to his Queen and country, and more honorable and generous to his fellow-men, therein reposes, than Thomas Douglas Harington, my old, true and valued friend, whom we all deeply lament.

"Very pleasant hast thou been to me, my brother."

† WM. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
Grand Cross of the Temple,
Grand Prior Dom. of Can.

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