RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory, at its First Assembly, held in the City of Toronto, on the 6th day of July, 1884, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptory and Frater entitled to receive them, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed.

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The Grand Chancellor read letters from the following members of Great Priory, namely:—M. E. Sir Knights ‡ Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master, ‡ Rev. Vincent Clementi, Grand Chaplain, expressing regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented their attendance at the Annual Assembly; and from H. I. H. Prince Rhodocanakis, expressing thanks for being elected an Honorary Member.

The Deputy Grand Master then read the Allocution of the Supreme Grand Master:

ALLOCUTION.

Fratres,—In tendering to you my fraternal greeting and acknowledging with deep gratitude and reverence the merciful protection of the Great Captain of our Salvation, who has spared us to meet again at our annual re-union, I think it right before we enter on a recapitulation of the various subjects and transactions connected with our Order and this Sovereign Great Priory, now so firmly and happily established in the Dominion, to pay a last sad tribute of respect and affection to the memory of those Fratres who have, since we met together, ended their earthly pilgrimage and departed from amongst us, to enter on the new birth, we trust to a happier and better life.

It is with pain and sorrow I have to chronicle the death of one of our most esteemed members, well-known in the Masonic world at large.

Fra. George Canning Longley, whose private friendship I enjoyed for many years, and was fortunate in having the benefit of his extensive reading, sound judgment, and undisputed historical Masonic knowledge, as one of the "Great Priors" Council in this Great Priory of Canada, departed this life at Prescott, Ont., 23rd February, 1885, and although not altogether unlooked for, having been a great sufferer and confined to his room for many months, the sad event has east a gloom and left a blank amongst his many private and Masonic friends who knew him best.