

MEMORANDUM.

It will be seen by the proceedings (page 91) that an address to the President was voted by Great Priory. The following was prepared in accordance with the resolution, but before its presentation the President succumbed to the effects of the assassin's ball. It has been thought proper to insert it in this place:—

To Sir Knight James Abram Garfield, Frater of the Order of the Temple, President of the United States of America.

DEAR SIR KT. AND FRATER,—The Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in Canada, in Annual Conclave assembled, desire to express to you their deepest sympathy. Their hearts have been filled with horror and detestation of the crime which has laid upon the bed of danger and pain one who has rendered such patriotic service to his country, and whose manly virtues and Christian principles have endeared his name among all civilized communities.

The law-abiding citizens of this the Dominion of Canada, co-terminous for thousands of miles with that great Republic over which you have been called to rule, and, in a more especial degree, your Frateres of the Order of the Temple within this Jurisdiction, will watch with anxious interest and prayerful hope your progress towards a speedy and happy recovery.

May the Great Captain of our Salvation, whose sworn Servant and Soldier you are, endue you with such fortitude that in this your hour of trial you fail not, and may He in His own good time restore you to health and happiness, so that your great talents and high principles may be retained here on earth for the service of God and the advantage of the Nation for many years to come.

The Lord Jehovah, through Christ our Saviour, send the Comforter upon you, and give you and yours Their Heavenly Peace!

On behalf of the Great Priory of Canada,

‡ W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,
Great Prior.

‡ DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

Barrie, August 15th, 1881.