

of his intimate friends that Mr. Harington's decease was greatly accelerated, if not caused by the vexation and annoyance inflicted upon him by a most wanton and unjustifiable interference upon the part of the Supreme Council over which he presided. It occurred in this wise:—Mr. Harington, previous to the annual session of 1881, had, as was customary with him, prepared an address to be read at the opening of the Supreme Council. In this address, among other subjects of interest to the Rite, he considered it right and appropriate to introduce a sentence expressive of the sympathy that he and his brethren felt with Dr. Graham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and extending to him his and their sincere and fraternal condolence upon his late great calamity in the loss of his wife. This address (Mr. Harington being somewhat indisposed and unable to attend the meeting of the S. C.) was sent to the Sec'y-General to be read by the presiding officer. When the printed proceedings of the session reached Mr. Harington some months after, he was both astonished and greatly annoyed on discovering that his kindly expressions of sympathy for Grand Master Graham had been entirely cut out, and what caused his vexation to be still greater at the unwarranted liberty taken with his address was the fact that he had in a private letter some time before communicated to Dr. Graham the substance of what he had written respecting him in his address. He felt the false position in which he had been placed most acutely, and his indignation and annoyance were in no degree lessened by the explanation vouchsafed him by an official of the Supreme Council, to the effect that that portion of his address relative to Dr. Graham was considered as extraneous, and not proper to be introduced into a document read before a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. *Extracted.* The Grand Master of the Craft Grand Lodge of

Quebec is condoled with in affectionate and sympathizing language upon the greatest loss that can befall a man, but because he is *only* a Craft Grand Master, and not a Scottish Rite, 33°, those Ill. Brothers of the S. C. refuse to admit the brotherly utterances of even their own presiding officer to a place in the published proceedings. Could that official of the S. C., when he mutilated the document, have foreseen that his scissors, more fatal than the fabled shears of Atropos, would also cut the thread of his Grand Commander's life, he surely would have paused, reflected and abstained. To many persons this may appear a slight cause of offence easily to be passed over and forgotten; but this was not the case with Mr. Harington. He felt the slight and the indignity most acutely, and five hours before the fatal attack that carried him off, he spoke to the writer of this article in the most excited manner of the great vexation and annoyance he felt, and declared his determination to entirely withdraw from a body that had so misused him. It was at that time, and is still, my conscientious conviction, that the annoyance caused by this, in every sense, miserable affair, was the immediate cause of the attack of heart disease that occasioned Mr. Harington's death. Well may the Supreme Council now strive to undo their work by eulogizing his memory, and if, to the grief and sorrow they now profess to feel, they would add *remorse*, it would be but right.

There is another portion of these proceedings that requires some notice and "more light." At page 50 it will be observed that \$100 is voted to the widow of Mr. Harington, in payment of books left by him to the Supreme Council. This is stated to be in addition to \$100 already contributed by the Council. It is well-known that Mr. Harington, owing to his exceedingly generous and liberal disposition, died poor, leaving his widow literally nothing, after all