

office in the gift of my Royal Arch Companions, is just what I desired, and the address is so different from the usual run of such documents, its language has so much heart, that I would be the veriest churl, if my own heart did not respond to its kind, but too flattering words!

I know, Most Excellent Companion, that I have to thank you personally for your own handiwork, and the Committee for the (to me) gratifying way, in which they have carried out the resolution of Grand Chapter. I do so heartily, and remain in all sincerity, my Dear and Most Excellent Companion,

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,

Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Canada.

IN MEMORIAM.

I next refer to a topic which will no less inspire feelings of genuine sorrow and sadness in the mind of Grand Chapter than it truly does in my own, I allude to the removal by death of M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, who held the sceptre of G. Z. in 1858-9, and in the unavoidable absence of M. E. Comp. Harrington presided over the deliberations of Grand Chapter at its annual convocation last year. For a long series of years I have had the pleasure of enjoying the fellowship and acquaintance of this truly good man and zealous mason, and the reflection that his last public masonic act was that of installing me as G. Z. naturally evoked a feeling of unusual emotion, when not two months later I heard of his unexpected demise, for although our departed M. E. companion was one of those who, in the words of the Psalmist, "was so strong that he reached fourscore years" his vigorous age was spared "from being that of labor and sorrow," or such as to give expectation that "so soon was he to pass away and be gone." The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson (first G. M. as he was also first G. Z. of this Grand Chapter) has in his able address to Grand Lodge last month so fittingly and feelingly referred to the career of our departed companion that I cannot better conclude this reference than by quoting his well chosen sentences as follows:—

"Our venerable brother, who had passed the ripe old age of four score years, had served his country for upwards of twenty-seven years in the Royal Artillery, sharing in all the dangers and glories of the Peninsular war. He was present and took part in the great battle of Waterloo, and subsequently served for three years in the West Indies. On retiring from active service he settled in London, Ontario, in the year 1837: but again, at the call of his country, he rendered valuable service during the rebellion which broke out in this country at the close of that year. He was afterward-appointed barrack master on the eastern frontier, at Prescott and Cornwall, subsequently retiring on half pay, after an additional service of sixteen years as barrack master. He then returned to London, where he resided, esteemed and respected by all who knew him, until his decease on the 20th of October last.

"On examining the Masonic record of our distinguished brother, we find that he was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of the 5th Regiment in the year 1816, and in the following year was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason in Military Lodge 406 of the 91st Regiment. Our deceased brother having been elevated to the Royal Arch and installed as a Knight Templar, subsequently attained the grade of Sov. G. Insp. Genl. 33 degree. He also held the rank of a Past Deputy Grand Commander in the grand conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of Canada, and was an actual Past Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

"In his career as a soldier, our lamented brother was distinguished for his loyalty, his zeal, and his courage; and as a mason, we all know that his love of the order, as evinced by his strict adherence to its great leading principles, his unwearied efforts to promote its establishment, and to insure its prosperity, was only second to his loyalty to the crown and his love to the country of his birth. Ever proud to regard him as a personal friend, it affords me a melancholy pleasure thus to place on record these evidences of his worth as a man, and his standing and character as a freemason. The widow and orphan daughter of our R. W. brother can never want friends and protectors so long as masonry exists in Canada or elsewhere."

Another Companion of illustrious note has also passed away, one who for a quarter of a century was at one and the same time G. M. and G. Z. of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, one in connection with whose name as a British nobleman ought but that which was honorable and dignified was ever associated, and whose zeal and interest to the cause of masonry will ever cause a reverence to be felt at the mention of the name of the good Thomas Dundas, Earl of Aetland.

Among other valued Companions whose loss we mourn, the late E. Comp. Alfio