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The Late President.

On the evening of the 19th September Gen. J. A. Garfield, President of the United States, succumbed to the effects of the wound received by him on the 2nd July last, after a gallant struggle of 70 days, during which the entire civilized world watched anxiously, as over a personal friend, by the sufferer's bedside. His whole life gives us a noble example of some of the best features in the character of our American cousins. Born the youngest in a family in very humble circumstances, small farmers in Ohio, he raised himself, by honest hard work and perseverance to the highest position, Chief Magistrate of one of the largest and most flourishing communities of the world. Farmer's boy, chopping cord wood, keeping accounts for a drysalter at $14 a month deck hand on a canal boat—such were the humble but honest occupations of his early days. Then the ambition inherent in every man of sterling worth was roused within him, he determined to give himself an education, and was enabled to do so by the excellent system of collegiate institutions, peculiar, we may say, to this western Continent. By working hard during his spare time, he managed to pay for his board and schooling.

First at Chester School, then at Hiram College, where he was enabled to pay his fees in part by acting as janitor, graduating ultimately at William's College, he adopted the laborious but noble profession of teaching, and himself became a master at Hiram, of which he finally became president. Here first he was attracted to the political arena, aiding with his whole-hearted zeal and eloquence the Republican party, who rewarded his services by electing him to the Senate of his own State. Then broke out the terrible war between North and South; the country that had developed the poor country lad into the accomplished scholar and patriotic citizen now had need of "yeoman's service,' and she got it. He joined a company of fellow-students and scholars, and threw himself as heartily into the service of Mars, as he had before done into the cult of Minerva, with no spirit of blustering bravado, but simply because as he himself said, "the country had a right to the services of her children." The ex-farmer's and canal boy and schoolmaster became a soldier, and by hard application and his usual thoroughness, a good one. It should be an encouragement to all our hard-working militia to remember in how short a time this intelligent citizen became an efficient soldier; study, willingness and the opportunity enabled him to compete not unsuccessfully with the trained West Pointers, but it required the same honest hard work that is so especially in evidence throughout this remarkable career. Then the soldier, now a Major-General, was elected to serve his country in Congress, (soldiers will be glad to hear that he was loth to leave the seat of war, while there was stirring work yet to be done, but went from a distinct sense of duty,) and became an eminent lawyer and politician, as so many of his comrades in arms have done. How he was chosen as Republican candidate for the Presidency at the Republican Convention of Chicago, as against Grant, Blaine and Sherman, and elected to that distinguished position in November last, will be fresh in the memory of our readers. In the terrible days of suffering since July last, he has shown the same steadfast, unswerving manliness that has pre-eminently distinguished his whole career.

It only remains for us to offer, in common with the rest of mankind, our heart-felt sympathy to the sorrowing nation, widowed wife, and loving mother to whose early self-devotion and unselfish care General Garfield owed and nobly acknowledge the debt by his dutiful care and affection, so much of his hard-earned and well-merited success.

After studying such a life we might well say with Pope:—

> "Honour and Shame from no condition rise,
> Act well your part, there all the honour lies."

It may interest our readers to know that General Chester Arthurs will be the fourth Vice-President who has been raised to the Presidency by the death of the elected President.

Vice-President Tyler, who succeeded President Harrison, 1841.

Vice-President Fillmore, who succeeded President Taylor, 1850.

Vice-President Andrew Johnson, who succeeded President Abraham Lincoln, assassinated 1865, after a second term.

Lt.-Col. Oswald, Montreal Garrison Artillery has returned from England after most successfully commanding the Canadian Artillery team at Shoeburyness. We congratulate him upon his safe arrival and are glad to learn that the Officers of the 5th Military District have tendered him a complimentary dinner at the Windsor Hotel on Tuesday evening next. His openhandedness and efforts on behalf of the Canadian Artillery Team deserve to be appreciated.

It is to be regretted that some discontended member of the Team has been allowed to use the columns of the press to vent