

Masonic life, and stood esteemed, beloved and respected by the Craft. His work was not done, yet his column is broken. His death was apparently untimely, and his brethren there mourn his loss. A nation bows in anguish over his grave, a wide, wide world sympathizes and mingles tear with tear. Our widowed Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, have indicated their true nobility, by heartfelt expressions of grief to the bereaved in this sad hour. To the mourning widow and weeping children of our illustrious departed brother we would extend our deepest sympathy, and would assure them that the great heart of the Masonic world bleeds and mourns with them now. Carried unanimously.

Moved by R. W. Bro. G. P. Butler, of Montreal, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood, of Bedford, "That the foregoing resolution be engrossed, and together with an impression of the memorial page to be devoted to the memory of our late much lamented illustrious brother James Abram Garfield, together with a copy of that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to his death, be transmitted to the widow of our late eminent brother." Carried unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, P. D. D. G. M., was elected an Honorary Past Grand Junior Warden.

The new constitution of the Grand Lodge was adopted.

Before closing, the Grand Lodge passed in solemn silence a vote of condolence to the Grand Master regarding the loss of his beloved wife, the Grand Lodge rising in solemn silence.

Immediately after the vote a presentation of a purse of one thousand dollars was presented to Grand Master Graham, to which he suitably replied.

One of the Causes of Non-Attendance.

The brother who penned the following, evidently has had some experience in Lodge government:—

"It is a lamentable fact that many Lodges are not so well attended by their members as they should be. A great many of men are enthusiastic enough when they

first join, and by their prompt and punctual attendance give promise of making the best members. But, after awhile, their enthusiasm flickers and dies out, and their presence is missed from the gatherings around the sacred altar, much to the disappointment of others more steady in their devotion and constant in their attendance. There is little doubt that the absence is caused unintentionally by the prosiness of other members' speeches. Nearly every Lodge is afflicted more or less by one of these long-winded, tiresome speech makers. Men who imagine themselves gifted with the oratorical powers of a Webster or Clay, must have something to say on every question that comes before the Lodge. They are generally harmless, but oh, so wearisome. There is no doubt if they really knew how much they bored the remainder of the Lodge, that nuisance would soon be abated. Another thing that keeps the members away, is the lagging and slow way with which some Lodges conduct their proceedings. It reminds one of Pope's wounded snake dragging its slow length along. All of these preventatives to punctual attendance can and should be at once done away with. At any rate, the absentees should make more allowance for these things, and not neglect their duty because others either overdo or underdo theirs."

Templar Masonry.

AMBASSADOR TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE DOMINION FROM H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

One of the most pleasing episodes in the history of Templar Masonry in Canada occurred Wednesday evening, 19th ultimo, at the rooms of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, at their asylum, British Chambers, Notre Dame street, Montreal. A large representation of the several Preceptors, upon the invitation of the M. H. and E. Great Prior, Sir Kt. Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, Great Prior, assembled with the Sir Knights of the above Preceptory to assist in receiving and welcoming to the city and jurisdiction, Very Eminent Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill, D. C. L., Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, who was the bearer of a splendid letter from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, to the Templar Body in Canada. Amongst the distinguished visitors were the following:—E. Sir