

quently installed as Eminent Commander of the *Godfrey de Bouillon* Encampment of Hamilton. In 1865 he installed the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at Halifax; and on the 9th May, 1866, was appointed Grand Constable of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales; and on the 28th August of the same year was appointed to the honorary rank of a Past Deputy Provincial Commander of Knights Templars in Canada. He was an honorary member of several subordinate lodges, both in Canada and the United States, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Illinois, San Domingo and Cuba. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the University of Kentucky. Our late Brother was the recipient of many favors at the hands of the fraternity, such as jewels, clothing, and plate, among them one from the Grand Lodge of Canada, consisting of an elegant, carved oak case, containing complete silver sets for breakfast, dinner and tea, valued, with the engraving, &c., at \$1,000. Having officiated at the laying of numerous corner-stones, he was presented with several silver trowels, among them one when the stone of the new Masonic Hall, Hamilton, was laid. Full of Masonic honors, he has lain down to take his rest, and

“After life’s fitful fever he sleeps well.”

The writer’s acquaintance with the late Grand Master began nearly twenty-seven years ago, just about the time he was gazetted Lieut.-Colonel of Militia, an honor he was very proud of when conferred. He was then the jolly, active Clerk of the Peace for the County of Norfolk, and lived in a hospitable home in the town of Simcoe. Few men were more widely known throughout the West, and we know of none who enjoyed a higher reputation for whatever ennobles a man and a public official. His was

“A combination and a form, indeed, -
Where every god did seem to set his seal,
To give the world assurance of a man.”

His public career was without a fault, and he had held many important positions, beginning with that of Commissioner of the Court of Requests and ending with the Judgeship of the County. With the change in the law respecting Clerks of the Peace, he became Crown Attorney, for which he had qualified in 1853, by being called to the Bar, and on the death of Judge Salmon, he was appointed County Judge. For three years he presided over the County Council as Warden, and commanded the third Battalion of Norfolk Militia, from which he retired, however, in 1869, retaining his rank.

Among the brethren of the “Mystic Tie” no one ever held a higher place in their esteem than the late Grand Master, and his presence will be greatly missed, for he was a safe counsellor and a judicious adviser in all matters pertaining to the Craft. It may be long ere he can be replaced with one holding such a commanding position in the ranks of the fraternity. In the neighborhood where he resided so long and won the affection of the people, a blank has been caused which will not be easily filled, for he was truly loved and respected by all who knew him. It were useless to repine, now that he has gone to

“The undiscovered country, from whose bourne
No traveller returns.”

Noble, brave and generous as he was, true to his brother man, and loyal to his country, he has gone amid the deep, heart-felt regrets of