

"Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live."

"O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more seen."

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF OUR GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN LADY THE QUEEN.

Fratres! It would not be well that I should omit to speak of the late attempt upon the life of our beloved Queen. Second only to the great thankfulness that we feel in the attempt being entirely harmless and unsuccessful, is the satisfaction that all must experience in the knowledge that the act was that of a miserable monomaniac. We cannot realize that any one but one bereft of conscience and reason could raise his hand against a life so dear and valuable to so many millions—could seek to injure one who, in her lofty station, sets to all her loving subjects the lasting example of a pure and blameless life. I am certain that all who hear me will give God his heartfelt thanks that our Sovereign Lady has been, through His great mercy, spared to her people and her family, for I trust, many—many more years of beneficent rule.

MESSAGE FROM H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, AND VISIT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND.

The 19th of October last will be an era in the history of our Templar nationality long to be remembered. I refer to the visit of the Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, *Fra. J. Alex. Staveley Hill*, D.C.L., Q.C., and M.P., who was duly accredited to us by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the bearer of a most gracious and fraternal letter from him [see Appendix B], as Supreme Grand Master of the Templar Order, addressed to me, conveying expressions of his good will and constant abiding care for the members of the Order in Canada, "feeling assured of their loyalty, and that the brotherly bond of union in the Dominion under his 'Grand Mastership' would continue."

The arrival of the Chancellor in Canada occurring unfortunately after the annual meeting of Great Priory, it was not considered advisable to call so soon an emergent meeting, from the inconvenience it would necessarily put the members to, scattered as they are over all parts of this vast Dominion. Owing to these circumstances, and as the Chancellor purposed visiting Montreal, it was decided to receive our distinguished visitor there, under the auspices of the "Richard Cœur de Lion" Preceptory.

Well and cordially did the Provincial Prior of Quebec, Sir Knight † Stearns, and the Eminent Preceptor, *Fra. † A. G. Adams*, his.