

At the time of his death, our lamented Brother Harington was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree for the Dominion of Canada. It will be the sad gratification and duty of this Great Priory, to record in their proceedings an "In Memoriam" page to departed worth.

We have also to record the loss in our ranks of the Emt. Sir Knight † H. A. Grannis, Preceptor of the Burleigh Preceptory at St. Thomas, Ontario, who had served in the American Army during the Civil War. He died on the 22nd September of last year. When I met him at our Annual Assembly in July, he was in his usual health and strength, kindly assisting the officers of the "Godfrey de Bouillon" Preceptory to make my stay at Hamilton a pleasant one, accompanying them in driving me round the city and environs, to view the scenery. Little we then thought he was so shortly to leave us for ever.

I regret also to mention the name of a distinguished and zealous Templar, and well known Bibliologist—Fra. † Robert Farmer Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, U. S., with whom it had been my good fortune to have exchanged many letters of kindly greeting, and much interesting correspondence on Templar matters, his views fully coinciding with mine as to the chivalric and orthodox Christian character of the Orders of the Temple and Malta. The last letter I received from him, dated 19th of April, was one of truly Christian sympathy on a recent sad family bereavement. On that day month, the 19th May, he himself was called away, and a blank left in the Templar world of the United States not easily replaced.

It becomes also my painful duty to recall the fact, that since our last assemblage of Great Priory, the President of the United States, General James A. Garfield, has yielded up his life, the victim of a merciless assassin. Our sympathy and our regret is increased, not only on account of the murdered ruler having been distinguished by his upright and manly character, his lofty and patriotic aims, but what touches us more nearly, he was a Brother of our Order, a fellow soldier in the ranks of the Templars. When a great and a good man is thus ruthlessly snatched away, is it not fitting that his memory shall be enshrined in some way more lasting than a mere passing remembrance. It will be for you, Brethren, to suggest and carry out some appropriate expressions of regret and esteem for the honored dead.

Fratres! These solemn warnings come home to us all, and should make us more earnestly supplicate the Divine protection in the words of the Psalmist,—

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