

IN MEMORIAM.

We give below, two circulars containing obituary notices of the death of two Illustrious Brethren, members of the Supreme Council 33°, of the Southren jurisdiction of the U. S. A. who have gone to their last resting place, closely following upon each other.

OR. OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

21st day of Ijar, A. M. 5631.

In the name of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the Southren Jurisdiction of the United States.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, To all Free Masons of the said Rite, of any Degree, within the said Jurisdiction :

BELOVED AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN :

When we closed the Supreme Council, a little more than one year ago, these words of the Ritual were solemnly pronounced: "It may be that we shall not all again assemble together in Council." Among those who then prayed the God of Infinite Beneficence and Love to have us in His holy keeping, and permit us again to meet each other, there were two illustrious and most dearly beloved Brethren, who will meet us no more in this world. We have mourned for our Lieutenant Grand Commander, the illustrious Brother FRENCH, and hoped that further lamentation would be spared us; but another great sorrow has come upon us, and another Chief, who served God faithfully, the Order effectually, and the Country nobly, has died. To him, also, we then bade a last farewell.

Woe unto us! for our Grand Minister of State, the illustrious Brother GILES MUMFORD HILLIER, no longer lives in this world. On the evening of the first day of this Hebrew month, the twenty-second day of April last, after an illness of many months, and long after all hope of his recovery had been abandoned, God recalled his spirit to Himself, and his poor, wasted body has been tenderly and lovingly buried by his Brethren in the bosom of his adopted State, Mississippi.

What words are adequate to express our love for him, our appreciation of his excellencies, our admiration of his genius? What eulogy can we pronounce that would equal his deserts? We are stunned by the heavy blow of this great calamity, and find it hard to realize that we shall see and hear him no more; and while we vainly endeavour to repress our tears, it seems but a cold formality to attempt to express our sorrow in words. A cry of anguish, such as a mortal wound compels, is all that we can utter. Dear friend! dear, loving, generous, noble-hearted Brother! how can we be reconciled to this cruel deprivation?

To the Supreme Council his death is an irreparable loss. We have no one who can fill his place. Who is there so wise and yet so modest and unaffected? Who so eloquent, so full of kindly sympathy, so dearly loved, of so true nobility of soul, conjoined with so keen and vigorous an intellect? There is not one.

Who can speak of him as eloquently as he spoke of more than one of his Brethren who went away before him? We must use his own words, written but a few months ago: "His precepts, his influence and his life have left, for the attention of those who survive him, gleanings of the light that, created by the Deity, are indestructible until they return to their source; and, while the life of men or Masons lasts, will shine brighter and brighter, even unto the perfect day."

He was born in the City of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 7th day of May, 1818, and educated at Columbia College, in New York. He studied law with Daniel Lord, in the City of New York, and entered upon the practice there, but soon after removed to Albany, and thence to Mississippi, where he soon became a man of mark, and exchanged the profession of law for that of journalist, to which he continued to devote himself until two or three years before his death. He resided in Mississippi for nearly twenty years, most of that time in the City of Natchez, and was eminently distinguished, both as orator and writer. With an intellect acute and logical, great power of language, and a vivid and brilliant imagination, he wrote and spoke with singular grace and power, equally skilled in the use of all the means by which the judgement is convinced, enthusiasm aroused, or the imagination delighted.