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of M. E. Sir Knight Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, Grand Master, at the Annual Conclave, held in Hamilton, Ont., on the 6th inst:—

Fratres.—In tendering to you my fraternal greeting and acknowledging with deep gratitude and reverence the merciful protection of the Great Captain of our Salvation, who has spared us to meet again at our annual re-union, I think it right before we enter on a recapitulation of the various subjects and transactions connected with our Order and this Sovereign Great Priory, low so firmly and happily established in the Dominion, to pay a last sad tribute of respect and affection to the memory of those *Fratres* who have, since we met together, ended their earthly pilgrimage and departed from amongst us, to enter on the new birth, we trust to a happier and better life.

It is with pain and sorrow I have to chronicle the death of one of our most esteemed members, well-known in the Masonic world at large.

Fra. GEORGE CANNING LONGLEY, whose private friendship I enjoyed for many years, and was fortunate in having the benefit of his extensive reading, sound judgment, and undoubted historical Masonic knowledge, as one of the "Great Prior's" Council in this Great Priory of Canada, departed this life at Prescott, Ont., 23rd February, 1885, and although not altogether unlooked for, having been a great sufferer and confined to his room for many months, the sad event has cast a gloom and left a blank amongst his many private and Masonic friends who knew him best.

Our lamented Frater was taken away at the comparatively early age of 57 years. He was born at Maitland, Ont., on the 29th October, 1827, where the greater part of his life was spent, inheriting considerable landed property from his father, who had

become a settler in Canada, arriving from England in the first decade of the century. For the last five years, our Bro. resided at Prescott, where he held the position of Collector of Inland Revenue. In private life, he was an amiable and affectionate husband and father, a kind and sincere friend, a retiring student seldom to be found away from home or absent from his library and beloved books, and possessing an extensive collection of rare and unique works on all subjects.

In his extensive correspondence on Masonic matters, he was at all times clear, courteous, and to the point, but caustic and cutting in the extreme, when he felt called upon to administer the lash of disapproval. Our esteemed and lamented brother was essentially a "Masonic Student," a seeker after truth, desiring always the fullest light upon all questions, preferring to see things as they are, not as a vain or fond imagination would fain suppose them to be. He delighted in sharing his store of learning, and took a generous pleasure in the exaltation of his friends to the honor and distinction of offices in Masonry, albeit he himself neither coveted or aspired to aught but the distinction of being thoroughly versed in the deepest mysteries of Masonic lore, and that could not be withheld, even by those whose imperfect intercourse with our lost friend and fellow-worker denied them the privilege of his friendship. I could enlarge on this theme, having known and loved him well, but if "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can many words conquer grief."

He became a Mason in 1852, and was initiated in a Lodge at Ogdensburg, State