

tian Rite, etc. Our Brother was also at one time a member of the A. & A. S. Rite, Supreme Grand Council 33°, of Canada, holding the degree of 32nd, and was M. W. Sovereign of the Rose Croix Chapter which he had established under that body, but unfortunately, having some misunderstanding with the executive officers, whom he asserted had assumed an offensive tone of superiority and dictatorial manner towards him, arising, it would seem, from his too liberal ideas on Masonry, which did not meet their views, therefore, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Rose Croix Chapter, he returned the warrant and resigned *all* connection with the Supreme Council. His resignation was accepted, and for two (2) years his name disappeared from the roll of members in obedience to that body, when considering himself no longer under their control, nor in any way bound to them, he felt at liberty to join another body of the Rite in a foreign jurisdiction; this led to his forming an *Independent* Supreme Council for British North America, derived from the old "Cerneau" revived Body A. & A. S. Rite in the United States, and to his establishing, a long thought of scheme, a Sovereign Body to embrace all Rites and degrees of the High Grade system of a common origin. Being an active member of the Supreme Council 33° for Canada, I did not coincide with him in the necessity or expediency of doing so, but this expressed difference of opinion was never allowed to disturb our long friendship, having agreed to avoid discussion on subjects wherein we held adverse opinions, in this case entirely resting on pre-conceived ideas and individual bias of but trivial importance in the affairs of private life. I have thought it imperative to make this explanation, as an implied slur has been thrown upon our late Brother's Masonic character by the high-handed measures the Supreme Council thought fit to adopt, in publishing his expulsion from their body, an act that can be only justifiable towards a *member*, which he *was not*, and is a stretch of despotic Masonic authority I totally dissent from. The Masonic standing of our late esteemed brother did *not* in any way suffer, nor, as plainly evident, prevent the success and progress of the bodies he had established. He has finished his career, and left behind naught but pleasant memories to his personal friends. May the voice which speaks to us in his death be properly attended to and improved by us, as we in *mind* stand beside his grave and drop a tear, exclaiming, "Alas, my Brother."

It may not be out of place here, for us all to be reminded of the old adage, "*de mortuis nil nisi bonum.*" that a revered silence should be preserved towards the dead, unless we can speak good of them.*

*It has been generally supposed that the late Bro. G. C. Longley was an enthusiastic supporter of the High Grades. The following