

Hamilton District in 1863-64-65, Third Grand Principal in 1867, and Second Grand Principal for the years 1868 and 1869. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence during the years 1864-65-66-67, and we are pleased to say that his voluminous and able reports in those years won for him a character in his own and sister Chapters, of which he may well feel proud.

In 1862, † Emt. Sir Kt. Seymour received the Chivalric Orders of K. T. and K. M. in Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment of this city; and on the establishment of Plantagenet Encampment at St. Catharines, was its first Eminent Commander. His labors in behalf of this Encampment have been indefatigable and untiring,—in fact, it can truly be said to owe its existence to the zeal and faithfulness with which he has furthered its interests. In the Grand Priory of Canada he has been honored with various appointments, including G. Herald, G. Hospitaller, G. Registrar, G. First Captain, and G. Sub-Prior, in all of which it is needless to say that he acquitted himself with general satisfaction.

R. W. Bro. Seymour's Masonic career, from the date of his initiation down to the present time, shows him to be a bright and intelligent Mason, and an ornament to the Craft. While for several years laboring under a state of health which would have made most men confine their attention to their private business, he has ever been zealous in the discharge of his many masonic duties. By his press and pen he has ever supported the best interests of Masonry, and has at no time spared his labor or means to advance the cause. He has repeatedly received the thanks of Grand Lodge and the encomiums of Grand Masters for the zeal and trouble taken by him in the performance of Masonic duty; and as a special mark of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren among whom he more immediately resides, he was in 1867 presented by the Lodges of St. Catharines and Niagara with a very handsome service of plate, which it is the earnest wish of all who have the privilege of his acquaintance that he may long live to enjoy.

THE GARDEN OF IREM.

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BY A. T. FREED.

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"The old order changeth, giving place to new."—TENNYSON.

CHAPTER II.

The city of Heseek stood upon a spur from a range of dark, barren mountains. Jutting out from the broken and savage limestone masses, this spur rapidly narrowed at one place till it was not more than a hundred paces in width. Thence it gradually widened, till at the extremity it formed a plain, made level either by nature or the hand of man, about a mile in diameter; and on this the city stood. The sides of this great promontory of rock, naturally precipitous, had been hewn away so that ascent or descent was utterly impracticable except by the broad causeway, leading toward the south. On the opposite side, another causeway led along the narrow neck we have described, passing on its way three cyclopean battlements, designed to protect the city from an advance by way of the mountain. This road on reaching the edge of the mountain, divided, the more beaten track winding down the hill side to the level of the valley and stretching away to the north; the other, little more than a footpath, leading further up the rocky as-