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under his jurisdiction. Modest and unassuming, he sought rather to do what he deemed right and useful than to obtain celebrity. The Masonic bond was to him not a mere name but a reality. His memory will long be regarded by those who knew him with the same kindly feelings which were the just reward of his conduct while he lived.

He had more than accomplished the usual period allotted for the days of man. He had borne with patience and fortitude the sorrows incident to advanced life, and the trial of long and severe illness; an example of modest worth and pious resignation.

The Brethren of the Council and the several Bodies of its Dependence will wear the customary badges of mourning for the space of thirty days from the date of this notification. We also direct that this letter be read aloud in each of the aforesaid Bodies at its meeting next after the receipt thereof.

May our Father in Heaven take you in His holy keeping, and guide you to the end in peace.

Orient of Dublin, 8th August, 1879, V. E.

J. F. TOWNSHEND, 33°,

Commander of the Council.

Letters between the Supreme Councils of Scotland and the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., anent the Supreme Council of Egypt.

CHAMBERS, 3 NORTH ST. DAVID STREET,
EDINBURGH, 16th July, 1878.

M. P. AND DEAR BROTHER,—

I had the honor to receive the deliverance of your Council with reference to the Supreme Council of Egypt, and also a letter on the same subject from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Ireland. I am directed to express to you the entire concurrence of the Supreme Council of Scotland on the views you express. We hope the result may be that the Supreme Council of Egypt, in consequence of the representations which have been made to it, will declare the Charter and Diplomas issued by it to be cancelled. As the parties holding these documents will not likely return them, this is all that can be asked, and if it declare them cancelled, whatever effect that might have, I believe this Council would be quite satisfied with such a declaration.

With reference to a suggestion by the Sovereign Grand Commander of Ireland, that an attempt be made to heal the so-called Council of New Zealand, I am directed by the Sovereign Grand Commander to say that he would not be prepared to advise this Council to accede to any such proposal. Before it could be even